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FOREWORD

The Inventory of County Archives of Illinois is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on The Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Pike County, is number 75 of the Illinois series.

The Historical Records Survey was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, business men and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by The Historical Records Survey attempt to do more than give merely a list of records - they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of The Historical Records Survey, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey was organized and has been directed by Luther H. Evans, and operates as a nation-wide project in the Division of Women's and Professional Projects, of which Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, Assistant Administrator, is in charge.

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PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated as a nation-wide undertaking in January 1936, as part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration. In Illinois the Survey became an independent unit in August 1936, but continued to operate as a part of the nation-wide project under the technical supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director, and under the administrative supervision of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects.

In compiling this Inventory of the Archives of Pike County, the Survey has sought to locate, describe, and classify all extant county records and to make them more easily accessible to county officials, the general public, and research workers. It is believed that this inventory will be useful in the preservation of this valuable material, and as a guide to the archives wherein may be found so much important information in the fields of history, sociology, political science, and economics. While some historians have realized this for many years, the general public has never been made aware of the intrinsic worth of this material. In the official documents of Pike County is recorded the story of the coming into the wilderness of settlers who created a territory and later founded a state, bought and sold land, built roads, established schools, and created the rudiments of a simple frontier government.

The Historical Records Survey has proved itself of valuable assistance to local and county governments in Illinois. Records have been re-arranged and made more accessible, material believed to be lost has been located, indexing projects have been fostered, and county officials have been encouraged and induced to provide new equipment for their offices and better storage space for the records.

In addition, the program of the Survey has been planned to dovetail with the long range plans of the State of Illinois for the care of its State and local archives. For example, the first step in the Illinois program, the moving of all state records into a new Archives Building, has been materially aided by the preparation of preliminary inventories by Survey workers for the various state departments. Again, the program of the State for the preservation of county records, including the making of microphotographic copies of all important historical documents, obviously presupposes inventories such as the Historical Records Survey is now making.

Since under Illinois law no records may be destroyed without specific enabling legislation, the tremendous increase in the bulk of records being produced today makes it impossible for either the State or the counties to preserve all records. Hence, there has been considerable destruction of records. The inventories being compiled by the Historical Records Survey now make possible for the first time a scientific study of the whole question of record destruction. If, as seems likely, this results in adequate and sensible legislation permitting necessary reduction in the bulk of records, this single use of the inventories may prove the most important contribution of the Survey.

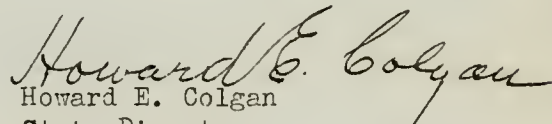
Preface

Work on the survey of records of Pike County, the seventy-fifth county on the alphabetically arranged list of the one hundred and two counties in Illinois, was begun September 15, 1936, and finished February 2, 1937. The inventory was taken by Harry Allen, Otto Walz, John Michelich, and James Ibberson, under the supervision of Victor C. Karcher. Rechecking, including a thorough search for missing and incomplete records, was started October 1, 1937, and completed October 29, 1937.

The inventory was prepared for publication by the state editorial staff of the Historical Records Survey at Chicago, under the supervision of Herbert R. Rifkind. Ably assisting were: Martine O'Connor in charge of editing and re-editing; Kathleen Summitt in charge of indexing; Theodore Nicholson in charge of rechecking; Edward J. McDonough in charge of format and collation; Alonzo D. Brewer in charge of legal research; and Irving E. Barnett in charge of cartography. In addition, too much credit cannot be given to the other members of the editorial and typing staffs for their intelligent and diligent cooperation in the compilation of this inventory.

The various units of the Inventory of County Archives will be available for distribution to government offices, libraries, schools, and historical societies in Illinois, and libraries and governmental agencies in other states. Requests for information concerning particular units of the Inventory should be addressed to the state director.

All the officers of Pike County cooperated in every possible way with the workers, and grateful acknowledgment of their aid is hereby made. County officials at the time of the survey were: O. D. Gicker, County Clerk; Fred E. Sitton, Circuit Clerk; Fern M. Huseman, County Treasurer; Wendell Johnson, Sheriff; Merrill Johnston, State's Attorney; Homer L. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools; Lou Gallaway, Surveyor; Roy Likes, Superintendent of Highways; Roy H. Conboy, Coroner. I wish also to express appreciation for the cooperation rendered by the officers of the Illinois State Library, and by the officials of the Illinois Works Progress Administration and the Federal Writers' Project. For the cover design and the binding we are indebted respectively to the Federal Art Project and the Bookbinding Project, of District 3, Chicago, Illinois.


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1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

The history of Pike County goes back to the time when it formed part of the Military Tract which the United States government set aside at the close of the War of 1812 for preemption by soldiers. The tract lay south of the parallel of forty-one degrees and twenty minutes, between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers; the northern boundary line was slightly south of the northern boundary of Mercer County, and extended east to the city of Peru on the Illinois River. Considerable confusion often arose in the settling of lands in the Military Tract, as the settlers did not know, in many instances, just what land was preempted. Thus, after settlement on a particular piece of land by a private individual, a soldier frequently appeared to claim possession of the land. Since the soldier's claim always took priority, many bitter disputes continued to take place until the territory was well settled.

Due to its position between two navigable rivers, the territory now comprising Pike County was known to, and visited early by French, English, and Spanish adventurers. Indians roamed here seeking game, and white traders and hunters came seeking wealth in barter and furs. There seems to have been no permanent settlement within the present limits of the county until about 1820, when Ebenezer Franklin and Daniel Shiner came from Ohio and settled near Atlas in the present township of Atlas.

Later in 1820, families from Massachusetts joined the Atlas settlement. At the same time other parts of the county were being settled by families from New York, Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio. By 1822, inhabitants of Pike County numbered approximately seven hundred persons. A gazeteer of that year stated that Chicago is, "a village of Pike County, containing twelve or fifteen houses and about sixty or seventy inhabitants." In 1823 there were about fifty persons reported as having participated in the first Fourth-of-July celebration held at Atlas.

At the time of its formation, January 31, 1821, from Madison, Bond, and Clark Counties, Pike County comprised nearly all of the northern and northwestern third of the State of Illinois. This enormous area, now divided into thirty-eight counties or parts of counties, had for its southern and principal boundary the Illinois River,¹ arching across the entire state. The Mississippi formed the western boundary, the Wisconsin state line constituted the northern limit, and on the east the county was bounded by the Indiana state line and Lake Michigan. The new county was

1. L. 1821, p. 59. PIKE - JANUARY 31 - UP TO MIDDLE OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER FROM ITS MOUTH TO THE FORK; UP THE SOUTH FORK (KANKAKEE) TO THE INDIANA STATE LINE; NORTH WITH THE STATE LINE TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE STATE; WEST WITH SAID STATE LINE TO THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE STATE; THENCE WITH SAID BOUNDARY TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

named in honor of Zebulon M. Pike, explorer, author, and general in the War of 1812.

The following session of the legislature, in an act passed December 3, 1822¹ re-defined the boundaries of Pike County, reducing it almost to its present size. The fortieth parallel from the Mississippi River east to the Illinois River became the northern boundary. In January 1823, Fulton County was created, and all the attached part of the county of Pike, east of the fourth principal meridian, became part of that county. Finally, with the creation of ten new counties in 1825, Pike assumed its present area and boundaries.²

The first meeting of the county commissioners' court was held on April 24, 1821. James W. Whitney was chosen clerk of the court, circuit clerk, and probate judge; Nathaniel Shaw was appointed treasurer. At their first meetings, the commissioners granted licenses to sell liquor, regulated tavern rates, laid out roads, licensed ferries, and divided the county into two militia precincts. It was necessary to have a well-organized militia to repel the numerous Indian raids in this area. On June 5, 1822 the county was divided into three election precincts which in 1824 were named the townships of Coles' Grove, Atlas, and Franklin. The first term of the circuit court was held at Coles' Grove, October 1, 1821.

The county seat was first fixed at Coles' Grove (now Gilead), in Calhoun County. But by the second legislative act³ re-defining the limits of Pike County, a commission to locate a permanent seat of justice was appointed and in the March term of court, 1823, they reported on their choice, their selection later becoming the town of Atlas. The change of county seats was contested by the citizens of Coles' Grove but a court decision made it valid, and in 1824 the records were removed from Coles' Grove to Atlas. In 1832 the legislature again authorized a commission to change the location of the county seat, and in the following year the present site of Pittsfield was chosen.

The first courthouse was built in Atlas in 1824, and replaced the rented rooms previously used for the county offices and meeting place of the county commissioners' court. Its dimensions were sixteen by eighteen feet, and it was constructed entirely of pegged logs, no nails or iron being used at all. This rude structure also served as the community's school. In September 1829, the second courthouse, a two-story frame structure costing \$642.28, was accepted by the commissioners. The removal of the county seat to Pittsfield in 1833, necessitated a new building which was immediately erected in that town. It consisted of a two-story

1. L. 1822, SEC. 1.

2. BEGINNING AT THE ILLINOIS RIVER BETWEEN TOWNSHIPS 7 AND 8 SOUTH; WEST TO THE MISSISSIPPI; THENCE NORTH WITH THAT RIVER TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST; THENCE EAST TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TOWN 3 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST; THENCE NORTH SIX MILES; THENCE EAST TO THE ILLINOIS RIVER; THENCE SOUTH TO THE BEGINNING.

3. DECEMBER 30, 1822.

frame house, and cost a little more than one thousand dollars. Later, the citizens feeling that the county needed a more imposing structure, authorized the construction of a new courthouse in 1839 at a cost of \$15,000. This building served the governmental needs of the county until 1894 when the present courthouse was completed. A jail was built at Atlas in 1824, another at Pittsfield in 1839, and the present fireproof jail was constructed in 1918. It is located in the public square with the courthouse.

Township government was adopted in 1850, and the first board of supervisors met April 8, 1850. At that time the county was divided into twenty-three townships. Today there are twenty-four.

Pike County is one of the outstanding agricultural areas in the state, the soil being rich prairie loam and very fertile. There are many Indian mounds in the county, nearly every township showing evidences of these sacred burial places. Pike County is bounded on the north by Adams and Brown Counties, and on the south by Calhoun County; the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers constitute its western and eastern boundaries. Pike County has an area of 756 square miles, and its population, according to the Fifteenth Census, is 24,357.

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

The county in Illinois is a corporate body and an administrative unit of the state. In Pike and other counties organized under the township plan, the towns comprise a unit of county government.

The county board has general administrative jurisdiction of county and town affairs, including authority to raise revenue within statutory limits, control of public and semipublic funds, and management of corporate property. In Pike County, where it is composed of all the town supervisors, it is known as the board of supervisors. This governing body has also power to appropriate money for roads and bridges. The county clerk is its ministerial and secretarial officer.¹ An early significant function of the board was the role it performed as board of review for the equalization of assessments. Since 1898, however, the chairman of the county board is the ex-officio chairman of this body. Two additional members are appointed by the county judge.

The fiduciary aspect of finances is represented by the county treasurer, who receives, has custody of, and disburses by orders of the county board or with statutory authorization, all funds. In Pike County, he also is ex-officio supervisor of assessments and county collector, bringing about a centralization of the revenue procedure. The county clerk, as one phase of his duties, binds together the entire revenue procedure, originating certain records, collecting relevant information, and reporting from each officer or body concerned to the others.²

Justice is administered by the following officers: two justices of the peace in each district, in Pike County coextensive with town-

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1. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. III, SEC. 3; R.S. 1845, P. 129-36; CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 17, 19, ART. VII, SEC. 6; L. 1849, P. 63-65; L. 1851, P. 35-39, 46, 47, 50-63; L. 1859, P. 129; L. 1861, P. 236-38; L. 1869, P. 104; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. VI, SEC. 18; R.S. 1874, P. 260, 273, 321-25; L. 1909, P. 160; L. 1911, P. 242, 243; L. 1925, P. 323.
 2. R.S. 1845, P. 136, 138, 139; L. 1851, P. 37-45; L. 1853, P. 14, 66, 77, 111; L. 1861, P. 239, 240; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8; L. 1871-72, P. 664; L. 1872, P. 11, 14, 15, 19, 23, 41, 47, 55-58; L. 1873, P. 51; R.S. 1874, P. 323, 324; L. 1872, P. 241, 242; L. 1881, P. 133; L. 1885, P. 142-47, 234; L. 1895, P. 304; L. 1898, P. 36-45, 50; L. 1905, P. 360; L. 1911, P. 485; L. 1913, P. 516; L. 1915, P. 568; L. 1917, P. 654; L. 1919, P. 765; L. 1923, P. 495; L. 1927, P. 744; L. 1931, P. 747; L. 1932, P. 84; L. 1933, P. 898.

ships; the county judge who also functions as the ex-officio judge of the probate court; three circuit judges elected in the eighth judicial circuit composed of eight counties of which Pike is one. In Pike County the county court also has probate jurisdiction, and appeals may be taken from the county court and probate court to the circuit court. The records of the county and probate courts are kept by the county clerk as ex-officio clerk in both instances. There is an independent office of clerk of the circuit court elected by the county electorate. The probation officer assists the county and circuit courts in the administration of justice. The state's attorney elected by the county electorate, serves as an agent for law enforcement and administration of justice in the county. This office commences and prosecutes in all courts of record in the county, all suits and actions in which the people of the state or county are concerned. The sheriff is the ministerial officer of all courts of record, and is the principal agent for the enforcement of law. The coroner shares many powers, as conservator of peace, with the sheriff; however, his major duty of holding inquests pertains to the administration of justice.¹

In the administration of education, the county superintendent of schools serves as the principal county officer. In the school townships, coextensive with townships or consolidated townships, are boards of trustees, aided by the township treasurer who is also ex-officio clerk of the board of trustees. The county superintendent of schools exercises wide supervisory powers in all matters relating to schools and educational affairs. Above him are the following authorities: the county board of supervisors, exercising general financial control; the state superintendent of public instruction, representing state academic supervision; the state department of public health; the state fire marshal, and the state architect, advising in such matters related to schools as fall within their province. The superintendent reports on his supervision in the county to all these officers and bodies, thereby unifying the administration of education.²

Public health services are similarly administered on all levels of government, with the county clerk figuring importantly. The state department of public health has authority over sanitation, exercised through district boards consisting of the town supervisor, assessor, and clerk. Each county clerk is the liaison officer in his county between

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1. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. IV, SEC. 4; R.S.1845, P. 75,76,143-58, 323-26,414-27,515-18; CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 7,16,17,29; L.1849, P. 51,62-67; L.1854, P. 16,17; L.1859, P. 95-97; L.1861, P. 119; L.1865, P. 79,80; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. V, SEC. 25, ART. VI, SEC. 12,13,18,20; ART. X, SEC. 8; L.1871-72, P. 189,190, 325; L.1872, P. 19,32-34,46,55-58; R.S.1874, P. 172-75,260-64,273, 281-87,321,329,339-41,989-92; L.1877, P. 77-84; L.1895, P. 206,210, 211,217; L.1907, P. 213; L.1909, P. 311,335; L.1912, P. 403; L.1931, P. 388; L.1933, P. 435-48,451,459.
 2. R.S.1845, P. 497-99; L.1872, P. 702-5; L.1889, P. 262-66; L.1909, P. 342-50; L.1915, P. 628-35; L.1919, P. 387.

the local and state agencies. The same department supervises lodging houses, the supervision being effected in each county through reports collected by the county clerk. It also has supervision of the registration of vital statistics, in Pike County exercised through the town clerks, who act as local registrars. But the county clerk is charged with keeping duplicate records and also with reporting thereupon to the department, thereby again acting as the agent of state control in his county.¹ A county nurse is employed for such public nursing duties as are required by the county board.

Public assistance in Pike County is provided through the county department of public welfare. This department is administered by the county superintendent of public welfare, an appointee of the county board of supervisors. The superintendent functions mainly under the direction of the state department of public welfare.

Public and semipublic works are administered by township, county, and state authorities. The (state) department of public works and buildings, through the county superintendent of highways, exercises technical supervision of the construction and maintenance of township, county and state roads, culverts and bridges. The county superintendent of highways is also subject to the direction of the (state) chief highway engineer. He is required to keep record of his duties prescribed by the department and the chief highway engineer. The said superintendent exercises powers over the township and county roads and bridges and is also granted supervision over state-aid roads in his county.

Another aspect of this large phase of public works is the provision for drainage districts, governed by quasi-corporate bodies of drainage commissioners. Organized basically by towns, these commissioners have all powers necessary to the construction and maintenance of drains and ditches for agricultural, sanitary, and mining purposes. In some cases the town clerk, in others the county clerk, ministers to the commissioners.

The county surveyor is necessarily often employed in these public and semipublic works.² He also makes surveys for private persons, as a step in the creation of land records. His maps and plats, however, have no legal effect unless recorded by the recorder. The latter, whose duties are performed in Pike County by the clerk of the circuit court in

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1. L.1877, p. 208-11; L.1899, p. 355,356; L.1901, p. 301-6; L.1903, p. 315-18; L.1915, p. 660-70; L.1917, p. 763-68; L.1923, p. 480
 2. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. IV, SEC. 31; R.S.1874, p. 1050; L.1879, p. 120-34; L.1885, p. 73-113; L.1913, p. 521-81.

an ex-officio capacity, also is charged with the recordation of instruments affecting title to land and the less important other₁ classes of instruments conveying or establishing non-property rights.

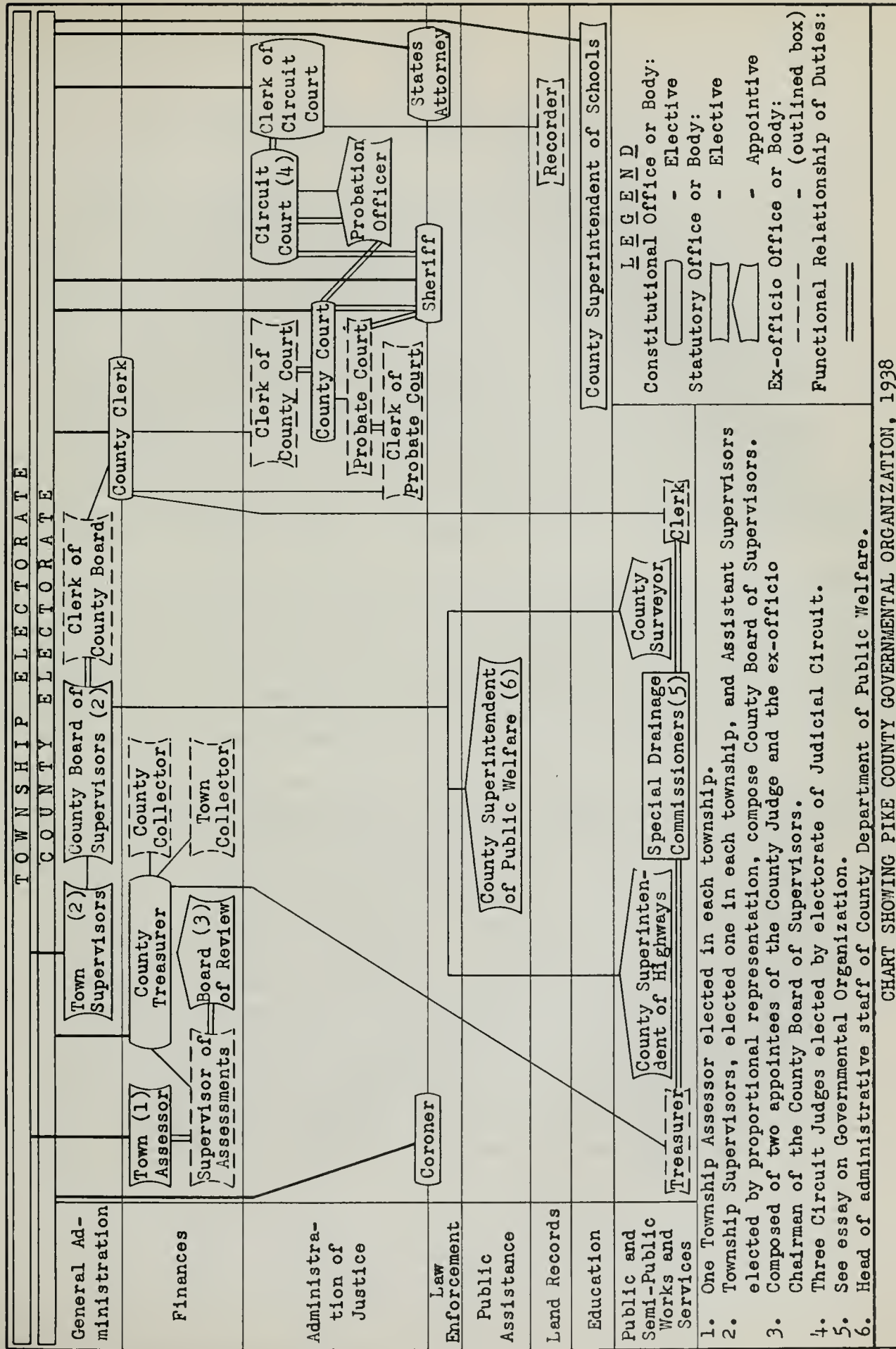
The coordination of county government is effected through the county clerk. In addition to his many and dissimilar duties, already noted, he issues licenses, has custody of official bonds, keeps various registers, enters into the election procedure, and acts for the board of review. This entire concentration of duties, statutory jurisdiction over which is vested variously in the county board, the county court, and other₂ bodies, results in a considerable centralization of county government.

All the town offices and all the independent county offices, except surveyor, superintendent of highways, probation officer, county superintendent of public welfare, and county nurse, are now filled by election, and most have been since 1848. The surveyor also was elected at one time, but he, as in the case of each of the officers noted above, is now an appointee of the county board of supervisors. Only a few of the present county offices and bodies were recognized by the first state constitution; but, except for the county court, established in 1848, the probation officer created in 1911, the superintendent of highways, created in 1913, the county nurse in 1931, the superintendent of public welfare in 1936, all were established by law at a very early date and are recognized by the second and present constitutions.

The creation of such state agencies as touch upon county government is a later development, occurring since 1877. The quantity and character of county records are affected thereby, but not the system of records. More significant in its effect on records is the concentration of multiple and dissimilar duties in the county clerk.

Making for uniformity in records are laws requiring county boards to supply books and forms in many cases. But the only uniformity between counties is accomplished by the use of standard forms in a few cases required by state agencies. Legislation to extend this development has the support of local officers. Adequate statutory provision is made for rebinding and transcription of old records. The use of loose-leaf books has further improved records; statutory compulsion could extend the improvement. The legal requirement to destroy election ballots after two years is not always regarded; new legislation, more extensive in scope as well as more stringent, would be valuable.

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1. R.S. 1845, P. 305, 432, 606; R.S. 1874, P. 833-35, 1050; L. 1885, P. 77; L. 1901, P. 307; L. 1915, P. 575; L. 1921, P. 667.
 2. L. 1819, P. 25, 79, 206; L. 1845, P. 41, 42; L. 1861, P. 238; L. 1872, P. 380; R.S. 1874, P. 325; L. 1877, P. 209; L. 1885, P. 142.



3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Massively constructed of limestone blocks, the courthouse of Pike County in Pittsfield, with its pointed arched doorways and upper windows, and its soaring tower, gives the impression of being a medieval gothic abbey. Throughout the three-story and basement building, erected in 1893 and 1894, care in construction is evident. Walls are of brick, floors are of cement, and steel and rock have been used lavishly in its foundations. The building is ninety-six feet square and seventy-six feet in height, with a content of 700,416 cubic feet. While the structure is judged to be seventy-five percent fireproof, only two offices have fireproof vaults, those of the circuit clerk-recorder and the treasurer. Due to the fact that these vaults are little more than built-in safes, only a small percentage of the records can be housed in them. The offices are all large, well lighted, and well ventilated, with from four to thirteen windows in each. Floors are of hardwood, and walls and ceilings are plastered, with the exception of the office of the superintendent of schools where the ceiling is of metal.

The offices and all records of the county and probate clerk, circuit clerk, recorder, treasurer, state's attorney, superintendent of schools, and superintendent of highways are in the courthouse. The sheriff's office and his records are located in the county jail building. The coroner has his office and fifty percent of his records on the first floor of the Zimmerman Building; twenty-five percent of his records are in the circuit clerk's office, and twenty-five percent are in the general storeroom in the basement of the courthouse.

The county and probate clerk's office on the first floor has an area of eighteen hundred square feet. Six hundred linear feet of steel shelving, in the form of cabinets, are placed along the north and south walls of the room. In addition there are several file boxes. Seventy-five percent of the records are housed in this office. The room is crowded and there is no space available for expansion. At least one-fourth as much additional space and equipment are needed, in the estimation of the custodian. Accommodations for users of records are ample, but electric lighting facilities are not adequate. The remaining twenty-five percent of the clerk's records is housed in a basement storeroom, which serves as a common depository for the records of the county and circuit clerks, the coroner, and the treasurer. This storeroom, which measures twenty feet by thirty-nine feet, is equipped with two fair-sized windows, and is extremely crowded. The six hundred linear feet of wooden shelves are filled to their utmost capacity. There is some little space available for new equipment, but since this would mean temporary relief only, it is estimated that at least twenty-five percent additional space must be secured.

The circuit clerk and recorder's office is similar in size and layout to that of the county clerk. Shelving is of steel, totaling one thousand linear feet. In spite of the large amount of shelving, the room is not crowded, having space for at least five percent more filing equipment. In this office the circuit clerk and recorder keeps seventy-five percent of the records, a small portion of which are housed in the built-in wall safe. Tables and chairs in large numbers provide more than ample accommodations for consultants of the records. The remaining twenty-five percent of the records are housed in the basement storeroom. Twenty-five percent of the coroner's records are also housed in the circuit clerk's office.

The office of the county treasurer, with a floor area of seven hundred square feet, is located at the northeast corner of the first floor. It is lighted by eight windows, and has a vault or built-in wall safe, in which a limited amount of records are kept. The steel shelving in this office, including that in the vault, totals four hundred and twenty-five linear feet. Ninety percent of the treasurer's records are kept here. There is no crowding, and room for expansion is ample. Two desks, three tables, and a number of chairs provide all necessary accommodations for users of the records. The basement storeroom contains the remaining ten percent of the treasurer's records.

On the second floor is the office of the superintendent of schools. The dimensions of this room are thirty-three feet by twenty-four feet, with a twelve-foot ceiling. Uncrowded, all of the physical and other conditions, including accommodations for the consultants of records, are very good. Ten linear feet of wooden shelving, placed along the south wall of this office, accommodate all of the superintendent's records. The county nurse also keeps her records in this office in two file boxes.

The office of the superintendent of highways is also located on the second floor. It is the same size as that of the superintendent of schools, but has only four windows. All of the records of this department are kept here. The nature of these records and the very limited amount of them, however, do away with the necessity of shelving. There is an abundance of space for all purposes in this office, and the accommodations for consultants of records are excellent.

The office of the state's attorney, on the second floor, has a floor area of three hundred and thirty-six square feet, is lighted by five large windows, and has two doors. Six linear feet of wood shelving along the east wall provide more than enough space for the small amount of records kept by this official. Two desks and several chairs afford ample accommodations for consultants of the records.

The sheriff maintains an office in the county jail building, which is located a stone's throw from the courthouse, at the northeast corner of the public square. This jail building, erected in 1918, is a fire-proof two story and basement structure of reinforced concrete and brick, faced on all four sides with stone. It is thirty feet wide by sixty feet

long by thirty feet high. On the first floor is the sheriff's office, lighted by three large windows, and covering a floor area of three hundred and sixty square feet. Here the sheriff keeps all of his records on wooden shelving extending twenty-five feet along the east wall of the room. There is no crowding, and accommodations for users are good. The electric lighting facilities, however, are poor.

The coroner has his office in a one-story, frame building built in 1912, and owned by A. E. Zimmerman. Three large windows admit a sufficiency of natural light, and provide means for good ventilation. The coroner keeps fifty percent of his records in this office; the remaining fifty percent of the records are divided between the circuit clerk's office and the storeroom in the basement of the courthouse. A table and six chairs provide accommodations for those wishing to consult the records.

In most instances, the records of Pike County are carefully housed and arranged. Greater convenience, however, and enhanced safety for records would follow with the addition of two or more fireproof vaults. The records in the county clerk's office are crowded and cannot be moved in any appreciable amount to the storeroom in the basement. The storeroom is even more crowded than the county clerk's office, and while some arrangement and order have been established, the packing of records here is a definite handicap, insofar as accessibility and convenience in use of them is concerned. The county has had no fires or floods, and no serious gaps in records occur. Those existing, can be attributed to changes in administration or systems, the one exception being that cancelled orders of the county board are entirely missing due to the fact that they are destroyed after each audit.

The alphabetically arranged, separate index system is used in the filing of the majority of the records of Pike County. Practically all recording is done in longhand.

4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	alphabetical(ly)
arr.	arranged
Art.	Article
assr.	assessor
atty.	attorney
aud.	auditor
bsmt.	basement
bd.	board
bdl.	bundle(s)
bldg.	building
ch.	chapter(s)
chron.	chronological(ly)
cir.	circuit
clk.	clerk
coll.	collector
cont.	continued
cor.	coroner
co.	county
ct.	court
dept.	department
ft.	feet
f. b.	file box(es)
f. d.	file drawer(s)
fl.	floor
fm.	form
hdw.	handwritten
hdgs.	headings
hwys.	highways
ibid.	ibidem - the same (reference)
i. e.	id est - that is
Ill. S. A.	Illinois Statutes Annotated
in.	inch(es)
L.	Law
mi.	mile(s)
no. (s)	number(s)
off.	office
p.	page(s)
pr.	printed
pro.	probate
rec.	recorder
R. L.	Revised Laws
R. S.	Revised Statutes
rm.	room
sch.	school(s)
sec.	section(s)
sep.	separate
sess.	session
sh.	sheriff

List of Abbreviations, Symbols,
and Explanatory Notes

(First entry, p. 18)

sp.	special
strm.	storeroom
supt.	superintendent
surv.	surveyor
treas.	treasurer
twp.(s)	township(s)
U.S.R.S.	United States Revised Statutes
U.S.S.	United States Statutes
vlt.	vault
vet.	veterinarian
v.	volume(s)
	current

1. Despite inaccuracies in spelling and punctuation, titles of records are shown in the inventory proper exactly as on volumes and file boxes. The current or most recent title is used as the title of the entry.

2. Explanatory additions to inadequate titles and corrections of erroneous titles are enclosed in parentheses and have initial capitals.

3. In the absence of titles, supplied titles are capitalized and enclosed in parentheses.

4. In the title set-up, letters or numbers in parentheses indicate the exact labeling on volumes or file boxes. If the volumes or file boxes are unlabeled, no labeling is indicated.

5. Title line cross references are used to complete series for records kept separately for a period of time, and in other records for different periods of time. They are also used in all artificial entries - records which must be shown separately under their own proper office or section heading even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory. In both instances, the description of the master entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made. Dates shown in the description of the master entry are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

6. Separate third paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and "see also" references under subject headings, are used to show prior, subsequent, or related records which are not part of the same series.

7. Unless the index is self-contained, an entry for the index immediately follows its record entry. Cross references are given for exceptions to this rule.

8. Records may be assumed to be in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

9. On maps and plat records, the names of author, engraver, and publisher, and information on scale have been omitted only when these data were not ascertainable.

10. Unless otherwise specified, all records are located in the county courthouse.

I. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The most important functions of the county board, with little change from the earliest date, are:

1. The purchase, sale, and custody of the real and personal property of the county.
2. Examining and settling accounts against the county.
3. Settling accounts concerning the receipts and expenditures of county officers.
4. Supervision of elections, schools, and the selection of juries; construction and maintenance of roads, and bridges; care of the indigent, infirm, and disabled.
5. Issuing orders on the county treasury in pursuance of the fiscal administration.
6. Appropriating funds necessary to the effecting of its functions, raising such sums through taxation, and in general the management of county funds and county business.¹

The first state constitution, 1818, made provision for the election of three county commissioners in each county, whose powers and duties were to be regulated by law.² The establishment of elective county commissioners was a distinct change from the centralization of government in Illinois prior to the formation of the state. The territorial laws had provided for the appointment of local officials by the territorial authorities. The local administrative officials, under these laws, performed the judicial function within the limits of their jurisdiction.

In 1819 the General Assembly carried out the provisions of the constitution and provided for an administrative, non-judicial court composed of the three elected officers, and styled "the county commissioners' court."³ Thus a change is noted in the separation of administrative from judicial function along the lines of the Pennsylvania system of local government. Since Pike County was established in 1821, it came first under the administration of the county commissioners' court.⁴

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1. R.S. 1845, CH. XXVII, SEC. 15, 17, 20, 25, 29, 34-38, 46, 47; R.S. 1874, CH. XL, SEC. 25, 57.
 2. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, CH. VIII, SEC. 4; L. 1819, P. 175.
 3. UNDER THE LAWS OF 1819, THE COMMISSIONERS WERE TO SERVE UNTIL AUGUST 1820; L. 1819, P. 100. THEN IN 1821 THE TERM WAS MADE FOR A BIENNIAL PERIOD; L. 1821, P. 80, SEC. 15; L. 1823, P. 66, SEC. 32; R.L. 1829, P. 67, SEC. 25; R.L. 1833, P. 255, SEC. 25.
 4. PRIVATE L. 1833, P. 28.

The mobility of population with attachments to different types of local government was an influencing factor in the development of local government in Illinois. The south with its large farms and plantations found the county unit the system best fitted for its needs. The northern industrial and marketing states on the other hand found the township system more advantageous. During the first decade of the state, following its organization in 1818, the disintegration of the early civil townships and the formation of districts and sub-districts for elections, roads, and other purposes, showed the influence of migration from the south.

The arrival of township adherents into Illinois, particularly from the east, resulted from the town lot speculation which began in Chicago and spread over the state. In addition to the marketing in Chicago of town plats, vessels regularly carried plats of town lots to the New York and Boston markets. The ensuing speculation which reached its peak in 1836 brought about an influx of settlers, and towns and marketing centers arose rapidly.

These conflicting influences together with compromises and adaptation to local needs brought about the legislation in 1849 for two types of county government. An administrative county court was established for each county of the state with an optional township plan to be voted upon by the electorate of each county in the election of that year. Under this plan township supervisors make up the county board of supervisors, this body succeeding the administrative county commissioners' court.

At first there was bitter opposition to the township plan by the electorate of Pike County; but the plan finally was accepted, Pike County being one of the first counties to adopt it. The first meeting of the new county board was held on April 8th, 1850. Pike County has been governed by the board of supervisors from 1850 until the present date.

The township law in Illinois closely patterned that of New York. Its main features were the decentralization of road administration and state functions, such as assessment and collection of taxes. However, the broader powers of transacting and administering county business remained vested in the county body itself. In this respect the powers of Illinois town governments fell short of those of New England towns.

To recapitulate, Pike County was first governed by the county commissioners' court from 1821 to 1849; then, from 1850 to the present day by the county board of supervisors.

The records listed in this section were first kept by the clerk of the county commissioners' court until 1849; second by the clerk of the

1. THE CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. VII, SEC. 6, HAD REQUIRED THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE FOR AN OPTIONAL FORM OF TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION OF COUNTIES. SEE L.1842, P. 190-229, ALSO L.1851, P. 35-78; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 6.

county court as ex-officio clerk of the county board until 1870; and finally, by the county clerk as ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors.

The major record kept by the clerk for the board is the minutes of its proceedings. This heterogeneous record includes; orders to issue warrants on the county treasury; the board's consideration of and action on reports of committees of its members on roads and bridges, indigent and infirm relief, schools, taxation, etc.; and its orders in regard to juries, licenses, and other matters within its jurisdiction.¹

The clerk also keeps separately, a register of orders issued on the county treasury and lists of jury venire, files and preserves all bills of accounts acted on by the board, and takes custody of reports required to be made to the board by the county treasurer, various school bodies, and a number of county officers.² Cancelled county orders are not kept in Pike County due to the practice of destroying them after each audit.

Proceedings of Board

1. SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS, 1877--. 75 f.b., 6 bdl. (f.b. 1877--; bdl. 1902--). Missing: 1897-1901.

Proceedings of meetings of board of supervisors, including reports of county officers, contracts, agreements, bills allowed, and all other papers and documents pertaining to county board business. Also contains Town Collectors' Bonds, 1906--, entry 69, and Town Assessors' Bonds, 1907--, entry 70. Arr. chron. No index. F.b. 5 x 5 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, 10 x 5 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; bdl. 6 x 3 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. 55 f.b., 1877-96, 6 bdl., 1902--, strm., bsmt.; 20 f.b., 1932--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

2. SUPERVISORS' RECORD, 1821--. 17 v. (3 not numbered, 1821-50; 1 not numbered, 5, 1832-44; B, 1850-53; 2-12, 1863--).

Missing: 1854-62. Title varies: Record Book; Road Record.

Record of proceedings of county commissioners' court and county board of supervisors, including appointments to county offices; notations of officials' bonds; appropriation of funds for roads, schools, blind, paupers, bounties, and county expenses; approval or rejection of claims against county; settlement of damages; and record of all county orders. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by subject matter. Hdw. 400 p., 600 p.; 18 x 12 x 2, 18 x 13 x 3. 4 v. not numbered, v. 5, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; v. B, 2-12, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

1. L.1812, P. 5,6,28,77,127,334-38,352; L.1823, P. 145,149; L.1825, P. 130,131; R.L.1822, P. 126,132-37,151-53; L.1831, P. 89,90; L.1835, P. 131,132,136,200; L.1839, P. 71,72; R.S.1845, P. 51-55,287,342, 403,437; L.1842, P. 66; L.1861, P. 234-37; R.S.1874, P. 323.
2. L.1812, P. 201,315; L.1825, P. 147; R.L.1827, P. 366; L.1843, P. 169; R.S.1845, P. 136,366; L.1861, P. 237; R.S.1874, P. 325.

Disposition of Accounts

Register of County
Orders (See also entries
2, 247, 275-277.)

3. REGISTER OF COUNTY ORDERS, 1823--. 14 v. (7 not lettered, D-J).

Register of county orders, showing order number, date, name of payee, amount paid, purpose of payment, name of account, and date cancelled. Also contains Register of Jurors' Certificates, 1930--, entry 4. Arr. by order no. No index. 1823-54, hdw.; 1855--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 318 p., 100 p.; 18 x 13 x 3, 13 x 10 x 1. 7 v. not lettered, 1823-88, strm., bsmt.; v. D-J, 1889--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

4. REGISTER OF JURORS' CERTIFICATES, 1843-1929. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1843-50; 3, 1870-94; 1, 1872-1929). Missing: 1851-69. 1930-- in Register of County Orders, entry 3.

Title varies: Record of Jury Warrants.

Register of jury warrants, showing number and amount of warrant, number of days served, date and to whom issued, miles traveled, and amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. 1843-50, hdw.; 1870-1929, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p., 320 p.; 15 x 8 x 1, 18 x 13 x 3. 1 v. not numbered, 3, strm., bsmt.; v. 1, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Pension Funds and
Applications (See also entry 2.)

5. COUNTY CLERK'S REGISTER (Relief of Blind), 1915--. 1 v.

Register of blind persons, showing name, address, age and income of applicant, number and dates of application and examination, dates admitted to, and removed from blind relief. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 294 p. 17 x 15 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

6. REGISTER OF EXAMINER OF THE BLIND, 1915--. 1 v. Last entry 1929. Register of applications for blind relief, showing name, address, age and income of applicant, number and dates of application and examination, signature of examiner, and remarks. Arr. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 296 p. 17 x 15 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

7. TOTALLY BLIND APPLICATIONS, 1926--. 1 f.b. Applications for blind relief, showing date, names and addresses of applicant and witnesses, date of examination, result, endorsement of examiner, and payment made by warrant. Arr. by case no. No index. 10 x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

County Board of Supervisors -
Management of County Properties and
Roads; Reports to Board; Jury Lists

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Management of County Properties and Roads

8. PLANS OF PIKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1893. 1 roll; 10 sheets.
Construction details of courthouse, showing floor area, dimensions of
iron beams, girders, and cross arches; grade, size of stone, and other
materials used; profile, cross-sections, and elevations. Author,
J. R. Ensly, Pittsfield, Illinois. Printed. $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 1 ft. 36 x 54.
Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

9. (JAIL, PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS), 1918. 4 plans.
Plans of county jail, Pittsfield, Illinois, showing construction details.
Architect, J. W. Royer, Urbana, Illinois. Blueprint. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 1 ft.
20 x 29. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

10. CONSTRUCTION DETAIL OF PIKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1893. 2 plans.
Construction details of Pike County courthouse, Pittsfield, Illinois.
Blueprint. $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to 1 ft. 36 x 233, 36 x 180. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Reports to Board
(See also entry 1.)

11. (COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT TO BOARD), 1894--. 1 v.
Treasurer's statement of his accounts filed with county board, showing
itemized receipts and disbursements, name of treasurer, and dates of
statement, and filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 240 p. 18 x 12 x 2.
Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

12. CEMETERY REPORT RECORD, 1934--. 1 v.
Financial reports of cemetery association, showing permanent fund, entry
date, items and amounts of receipts and disbursements, recapitulation,
investment of permanent and common fund, date and amount of receipts and
disbursements. Arr. alph. by name of fund. No index. Hdw. under pr.
hdgs. 296 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Jury Lists
(See also entries 4, 213-215)

13. JURY LIST, 1872--. 3 v. (1-3).
Jury list for county court, showing name and address of juror, date
selected and drawn, term of court, and number of days served. Arr. chron.
No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off.,
1st fl.

14. LIST OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS (Venire), 1840-1908. 1 v.
Discontinued.
Jurors list showing name and address of juror, number of jurors on
original and revised lists, and date called. Arr. chron. No index.
150 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Strm., bsmt.

II. COUNTY CLERK

The county clerk has the most varied duties of any county official. To his office belong important duties relating to taxation, elections, vital statistics, licenses, bonds, and lesser duties in the operation of county government. Jurisdiction in these matters is distributed to a number of state and county authorities and the clerk's relationship with these groups makes him a de facto chief executive officer of the county. He is custodian of the county records, ex-officio clerk of the county court and ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors. The records he keeps in each case belong to his office, the county court, and the county board respectively.

The early legal status of the county clerk was first as clerk of the county commissioners' court, an administrative, nonjudicial body.¹ The clerk was in practice, the county clerk, as well as clerk of the county commissioners' court.

An interesting change took place in this office under the Constitution of 1848 and the legislation of 1849. The clerk served as an officer of both an administrative body and a judicial court. His title was clerk of the county court.² The administrative body was the county board of supervisors. The duties formerly commissioned to the county commissioners' court were transferred to this board. The clerk's ministerial duties in the county court extended also to the court's probate jurisdiction. For this county court function, the clerk performed the ministerial duties formerly performed by the probate justice of the peace.³

The clerk when acting for the county was frequently referred to in legislation as the county clerk. However, the constitution of 1870 titled the clerk, when so acting, as the county clerk. He was elected by the county electorate as the county clerk and retained his role as clerk of the county court and of the county board.⁴

With the revision of the law in 1874, a careful distinction in terms came to be made. The county clerk, whenever he acts for the county court in its law jurisdiction, is referred to as clerk of the county

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1. CLERK WAS AN APPOINTEE OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT FROM 1819 TO 1837. L.1812, P. 175. IN 1837 THE OFFICE BECAME ELECTIVE WITH A TERM OF TWO YEARS. L.1837, P. 49; R.S.1845, P. 573.
 2. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 16,18,19; L.1849, P. 63. LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, AN ELECTIVE OFFICER, BUT WITH A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.
 3. IBID.
 4. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. VI, SEC. 18 AND ART. X, SEC. 8. THE CLERK'S TERM WAS SET FOR FOUR YEARS.

court;¹ when he acts for the county board, he is expressly declared to be so doing.² Thus the simple designation of county clerk is reserved for the officer when he performs that group of duties which belongs to his office alone, and which gives rise to the records in this section.³

In review it may be said that the county clerk has served as the clerk of the county in Pike County from its organization in 1821 to the present time. His earliest title was clerk of the county commissioners' court; later he was known as clerk of the county court; then under the constitution of 1870, he was titled the county clerk. As clerk of the county board he was first, clerk of the county commissioners' court; second, clerk of the county court as ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors; third, the county clerk as ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors. His office as clerk of a judicial court began in 1849 as clerk of the county court, both in civil and criminal matters, as well as in probate matters. Beginning with the constitution of 1870, until the present, the county clerk acting for the county court in its probate function has been referred to as the ex-officio clerk of the probate court.

In Pike County the first clerk of the county commissioners' court served as county clerk and clerk of the board. In addition to these duties he was commissioned clerk of the circuit court and probate judge.

The county clerk is required to keep an extensive group of taxation records. He has legal custody of the books used by the supervisor of assessments and compiles those used by the collector, obtains and prepares abstracts of assessments and collections, keeps records of the proceedings of special tax bodies, makes reports of delinquent taxes returned by the collector, attends all tax sales and prepares a list of all sales and issues duplicate reports thereof, and records affidavits of purchases of property for taxes; records tax sales, forfeitures and redemptions in a book kept by him known as "the tax judgment, sale, redemption, and forfeiture record."⁴ In addition, various lists and

1. R.S. 1874, P. 260.

2. R.S. 1874, P. 273.

3. THE BOND OF THE COUNTY CLERK, HOWEVER, COVERS ALSO HIS ACTIONS AS CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT AND AS CLERK FOR THE COUNTY BOARD. THE PENAL SUM IS FIXED BY THE LATTER BODY, WHICH ALSO PASSES ON THE SECURITIES, AND THE BOND ITSELF IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT. R.S. 1874, P. 321.

4. L. 1819, P. 317; L. 1825, P. 173, 174; R. L. 1827, P. 327-33; L. 1832, P. 4-7, 12, 14; L. 1845, P. 9, 11, 12; L. 1853, P. 102; L. 1875, P. 35-37, 40; L. 1872, P. 19, 32-34, 46, 55; L. 1873, P. 51; L. 1872, P. 240-42; L. 1881, P. 133; L. 1885, P. 77, 192-97; L. 1828, P. 41, 47-50; L. 1915, P. 389; L. 1935, P. 1218.

receipts involved in the taxation procedure from beginning to end are required to be transmitted to him.¹

The department of public health in Illinois has charge of the registration of births and deaths but the county clerk keeps complete records of that category of vital statistics, as well as of marriages, the registration of which is regulated solely by statute.

Marriage certificates are returned to the clerks by persons qualified to celebrate ceremonies; copies of birth, stillbirth, and death certificates are transmitted to him by the local registrars of the department of public health (in Pike County, the clerks of townships). The clerk registers and files all certificates and records marriages, births, and deaths in separate books, and indexes each separately.²

The clerk is involved in nearly every step of the election procedure. He issues and keeps a record of blank ballots; petitions, marked ballots, tally sheets, and returns of elections are required to be transmitted to him by election officials.³ Formerly the clerk originated the abstracts of returns; those currently found in his office are copies he is required by law to obtain from the election commissioners or judges of election. Canvasses were also originally made by the clerk alone, but now the clerk, with the justices of the peace, audits votes by election precincts.⁴

The bonds of a number of county officers are required to be transmitted to the clerk and filed by him.⁵ He is required to keep a book in which is to be entered a minute of those bonds, and such other information as will serve to provide an index to them.⁶ In practice, this book is sometimes broken down into several volumes, segregating information relating to bonds of separate officers.

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1. R.L.1827, P. 330; R.L.1837, P. 572; L.1840, P. 4; L.1843, P. 232; L.1872, P. 56-58; L.1885, P. 77; L.1898, P. 40,41; L.1909, P. 311,333.
 2. L.1819, P. 26,281; R.S.1845, CH. XVII, SEC. 3-5, CH. LXIX, SEC. 6; R.S.1874, P. 695; L.1877, P. 200-210; L.1901, P. 301-4; L.1903, P. 315-18; L.1915, P. 660-70; L.1917, P. 2-36,763-66.
 3. L.1819, P. 25,206; L.1821, P. 77; L.1823, P. 54,55; R.L.1829, P. 59,50; L.1845, P. 41,42; L.1871-72, P. 380; L.1885, P. 142.
 4. L.1819, P. 96; L.1885, P. 142.
 5. FOR CITATIONS TO THE LAWS SO PROVIDING, SEE THE DISCUSSIONS OF LEGAL STATUS UNDER EACH OFFICE IN THIS VOLUME.
 6. L.1861, P. 238; R.L.1874, P. 325.

The clerk issues licenses to peddlers, taverns, ferries, etc., and is required to keep records thereof.¹ In addition, he keeps records of estrays, registers of physicians and midwives, and lists of county officers, compiled from information sent to him to enable him to perform these and other duties of his office.²

Besides the papers he is required to issue and those he is required to file and preserve, the county clerk also is charged by law with the care and custody of all other books and papers pertaining to his office.³ Of this last group, arising indirectly in the performance of his other duties, he is required to keep alphabetical indexes.⁴

Taxation

(See also entries 239-259.)

List of Taxable Property, Levies

15. DOCKET OF AMOUNTS WANTED, 1876-1926. 4 v. (A, 1 not lettered, C, D). 1927-- in Assessor's Books, entry 16.
Tax docket of rates and amounts wanted, showing date, certificate and school district numbers, amount wanted, and total value and rate. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 398 p. 18 x 13 x 1½. V. A, 1 not lettered, 1876-1905, strm., bsmt.; v. C, D, 1906-26, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

16. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, 1834--. 1809 v. Missing: Levee Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1874-75; Ross Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1874-81; Cincinnati Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1874-81.

List of taxable real estate and personal property, showing owners' names, description of property, tax spread, cash value, number acres of various crops, and assessor's remarks. Pike County, as a whole, real estate, 1837-73, 40 volumes; Pike County, as a whole, personal property, 1841-73, 33 volumes; 22 townships, real estate and personal property, 1874-98, 25 volumes each; 2 townships, real estate and personal property, 1882-98, 17 volumes each; 24 townships, real estate, 1899--, 10 volumes each; and 24 townships, personal property, 1899--, 38 volumes each. Also contains Docket of Amounts Wanted, 1927--, entry 15; Telephone and Telegraph Assessments, 1919--, entry 17; Personal Road Tax List prior to 1906 and subsequent to 1927, entry 18; and Dog Tag Record, 1834-1917, entry 61. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. 1834-51, hdw.; 1852--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 17 x 11 x 1. 1631 v., 1834-1934, strm., bsmt.; 178 v., 1935--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

1. L. 1819, p. 79; R. L. 1827, p. 320; R. L. 1833, p. 439; R. L. 1837, p. 175.
2. L. 1819, p. 206, 207; R. L. 1827, p. 190, 191; L. 1877, p. 209.
3. R. S. 1874, p. 327.
4. R. S. 1874, p. 331.

17. TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH TAX BOOK, 1887-1918. 1 v. 1880-86 in Railroad Tax Book, entry 20; 1919-- in Assessor's Books, entry 16.

List of taxable personal property belonging to telephone and telegraph companies, showing by whom owned or controlled, location, assessed and equalized value, road and school district numbers, tax spread, and total amounts due and paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 156 p.

18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

18. PERSONAL ROAD TAX LIST, 1906-26. 1 bdl. 1834-1905, 1927-- in Assessor's Books, entry 16.

List of personal property taxed for road purposes, showing name of property owner, description of property, amount of tax levied, and date of levy.

Arr. chron. No index. 6 x 3 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

19. RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS, 1882--. 10 f.b.

Railroad returns on property for taxation, showing name of railroad, legal description of property, and type, date, and amount of assessment. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 5 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8 f.b., 1882-1905, strm., bsmt.; 2 f.b.,

1906--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

20. RAILROAD TAX BOOK, 1873--. 5 v. (1-5).

List of taxable railroad property, showing name of railroad, date, in what city, town or village taxable, school district number, schedule of property as returned by railroad company to the county clerk, valuation by town assessor, equalization by county board, valuations as assessed and distributed by the state board of equalization, and total tax assessed. Also contains Telephone and Telegraph Tax Book, 1880-86, entry 17.

Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 17 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

21. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, 1916-18. 1 f.d.

Miscellaneous papers relative to special assessment of the City of Barry, Illinois, showing date, type, amount, and purpose of assessment. Arr. chron. No index. 13 x 5 x 40. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

22. RESIDENT TAX LIST, 1847-54. 4 v. Discontinued.

List of taxable property of residents of Pittsfield, Illinois, showing name of owner, legal description of property, amount of assessment, and name of assessor. Arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. 300 p.

15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 2. Strm., bsmt.

23. TRANSCRIPT 1848. 1 v. Discontinued.

Transcript of lands and town lots subject to taxation, showing name and address of owner, and legal description of property. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 288 p. 14 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

24. REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS, 1878-79. 1 v. Discontinued.

Town assessors' reports of agricultural statistics in various towns, showing farm crops, number of bushels of grain produced, number of livestock, and value. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p.

18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Collection, Abatement

25. COLLECTORS' BOOKS, 1850--. 149 v. Missing: 1866-69.
List of taxes collected on real estate and personal property, showing in whose name assessed, description, assessed value, tax spread, and date and by whom paid. Also contains County Collector's Error and Insolvency Records, 1850-1915, entry 245. 1850-81, 1 volume per year with duplications, not segregated by townships; 1880, 1 volume each for ranges 1-4 and 1 volume for ranges 5-7; 1882--, 2 volumes per year not segregated by townships. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. 1850, 1851, hdw.; 1852--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 800 p. 17 x 15 x 4. 119 v., 1850-1921, strm., bsmt.; 30 v., 1822--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
26. ABSTRACTS OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXES, 1873--. 6 v. (1 not numbered, 3, 5-8). Missing: 1897-99.
Abstracts of assessments and taxes, showing name and address of owner, location, description of real estate and personal property, total assessed value, total value as equalized by state board and board of review, distribution of taxes, and date of assessment. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 75 p. 17 x 15 x 1. 1 v. not numbered, 1873-85, v. 5-8, 1900--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; v. 3, 1886-96, strm., bsmt.
27. DELINQUENT LIST, 1841-1921. 1099 v. Missing: 1851-52, 1861-67. 1922-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture, entry 30.
List of delinquent taxes on real estate and personal property, showing in whose name assessed, description of property, tax spread, amount of tax, cost, interest, total amount due, and by whom paid. Pike County as a whole, 1841-75, 7 volumes; Cincinnati and Ross Townships, 1882-1921, 40 volumes each; all other townships, 1876-1921, 46 volumes each. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. 1841-50, hdw.; 1853-1921, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 40 p., 300 p.; 17 x 15 x $\frac{1}{2}$, 18 x 12 x 2. Strm., bsmt.
28. DELINQUENT BOOKS (Special Assessments), 1919--. 57 v. Missing: 1924, 1925.
Collector's books of annual and back taxes of Sny Island levee drainage district, showing names of owners, legal description of property, annual, total, and special benefits fixed by order of court, amount and special delinquent assessments, date, and by whom paid. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p. 16 x 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.
29. DELINQUENT BOOK (Levee Districts), 1886--. 49 v. Last entry 1932.
List of delinquent taxes in levee districts of Collins Pond, Hadley's Creek, McCraney Creek, Kizer Creek, Sand Slew, Bay Creek and McGee Creek, showing name of assessed, kind of tax, legal description, equalized distribution of tax, total tax, and total delinquent tax. Arr. alph. by name of district. No index. 10 p. 16 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Judgment, Sale,
Redemption

30. TAX JUDGMENT, SALE, REDEMPTION, AND FORFEITURE, 1880--. 22 v.
Missing: 1883.

Tax judgment, sale, redemption, and forfeiture record, showing to whom assessed, legal description of property, distribution of tax, dates of sale and redemption, amount of forfeiture, by whom redeemed, and to whom deed given. Also contains Delinquent List, 1922--, entry 27. Prior Tax Sale Record and Tax Judgment Record kept separately, entries 31, 32. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. 1880-90, indexed alph. by name of purchaser; 1891--, no index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 18 x 13 x 3. 6 v., 1880-90, strm., bsmt.; 16 v., 1891--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

31. TAX SALE RECORD, 1823-79. 6 v. 1880-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture, entry 30.

Sale of real estate for taxes, showing names of owner and purchaser, legal description of property, amount of taxes, costs, interest, and penalties due, total amount of sale, and date recorded. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. 250 p., 100 p.; 17 x 15 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 13 x 9 x 1. Strm., bsmt.

32. TAX JUDGMENT RECORD, 1834-79. 8 v. (6 not numbered, 1834-62; 2, 4, 1858-79). Missing: 1869-75. 1880-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture, entry 30.

Tax judgment record showing date, owner's name, name of town or addition, location of property, valuation, tax spread, costs, total tax, and remarks. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. 1834-74, hdw.; 1875-79, hdw. on pr. fm. 240 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Strm., bsmt.

33. RECORD OF FORFEITED LANDS, 1873-79. 1 v. Discontinued.

List of lands and town lots offered at public sale by county collector for taxes and costs due and unpaid, showing name of owner, legal description of property, amount due, date due, and date and place of sale. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. 152 p. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

34. AFFIDAVITS FOR TAX DEEDS RECORD, 1867--. 3 v. (A, B, 3).

Title varies: Tax Deed Affidavits.

Copies of affidavits for tax deeds, showing name of affiant, date and amount of sale, legal description, date of application for tax deed, name of newspaper in which notice has been published, date of filing, statement of compliance with law by giving due notice to original owner, and evidence that affiant is entitled to tax deed. Also contains Records of Notices and Tax Sales, entry 35. Arr. chron. 1867-90, indexed alph. by name of purchaser; 1891--, indexed alph. by name of affiant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 288 p., 450 p.; 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. V. A, B, 1867-90, strm., bsmt.; v. 3, 1891--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other records of affidavits for tax deeds, see entry 72.

35. RECORD OF NOTICES AND TAX SALES, 1851-67. 1 v. 1868-- in Affidavits for Tax Deeds Record, entry 34.

Tax sale notice record showing name of owner, legal description and value of property, amount of tax, distribution of tax, name of purchaser, and date of purchase. Arr. chron. No index. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

For other records of tax sale notices, see entry 72.

Vital Statistics
(See also entries 71, 262.)

Births

36. BIRTHS, 1916--. 7 v. (1-6, 1 not numbered).

Prior certificates destroyed.

Registrars' copies of birth certificates, showing place, name and sex of child, date of birth, certificate number, name and address of parents, maiden name and residence of mother, color, race, age, and occupation of parents, number of children born to mother, eye treatment at birth, signature of physician or midwife, and dates signed and filed. Arr. alph. by surname of child. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 1250 p., 384 p.; $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 8, 8 x 11 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

37. REGISTER OF BIRTHS, 1876-1930. 11 v. (1-11). Discontinued. Register of births, showing name of child, sex, place and date of birth, certificate and registration numbers, names, address, and occupation of parents, number of children of this mother, treatment given child's eyes at birth, certificate of attending physician or midwife, and date registered. Also contains Certificates of Stillbirths, 1906-15, entry 39. Arr. chron. For index, 1876-36, see entry 38; 1887-1930, indexed alph. by surname of child. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 575 p. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other birth records, see Births, entry 36.

38. INDEX TO BIRTHS, 1876-86. 1 v. Discontinued. Index to register of births, showing certificate number, name of child, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by surname of child. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

39. CERTIFICATES OF STILLBIRTHS, 1878-1905, 1916--. 2 v. (1, 2). 1906-15 in Register of Births, entry 37. Title varies: Register of Stillbirths. Record of stillbirths, showing number of certificate, date and place of birth, names, ages, addresses, nationalities, and birthplaces, and occupation of parents, name of medical attendant, undertaker, and person making return, period of utero-gestation, cause of stillbirth, and date registered. 1916--, consists of copies of stillbirth certificates. Arr. chron. 1878-1905, indexed alph. by name of parents; 1916--, no index. 1878-1905, hdw. under pr. hdgs.; 1916--, hdw. on pr. fm. 144 p., 360 p.; 18 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$, 9 x 10 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

40. REPORT OF BIRTHS TO COUNTY CLERK, 1913-15. 1 f.b. Discontinued; subsequent similar reports sent to the state bureau of vital statistics. Record of births as reported to county clerk by the various town clerks, showing name and sex of child, names, address, race, and occupation of parents, and date and place of birth certified by attending physician or midwife. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Strn., bsmt.

Deaths

41. CERTIFICATES OF DEATH, 1878--. 4 bdl., 10 v. (4 bdl., 1878-1914; 4 v. not numbered, 1915--; v. 1-5, 1 not numbered, 1915--).
Certificates of death, showing certificate number, name of deceased, date and place of death, personal and statistical particulars, place and date of burial, name and address of undertaker, medical certificate and cause of death, date of filing, and signature of registrar; unbound prior to 1915. Also contains Coroner's Death Certificates, 1878-1911, 1912--, entry 236. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Bdl. 10 x 8 x 3; v. 800 p., 1000 p.; 8 x 5 x 9, 9 x 10 x 10. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

42. REGISTER OF DEATHS, 1877-1934. 6 v. (1-6). Discontinued.
Register of deaths, showing name of deceased, age, sex, color, occupation, nationality, marital status, place and date of birth, place and cause of death, duration of complication and disease, place and date of burial, and names and addresses of undertaker and physician returning certificate. Arr. chron. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 590 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

43. INDEX TO REGISTER OF DEATHS, 1877-1934. 1 v.
Index to death register, showing name, book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

44. REPORTS OF DEATHS TO THE COUNTY CLERK, 1914. 1 f.b. Discontinued; subsequent similar reports sent to the state bureau of vital statistics.
Death reports to county clerk, showing name, age, sex, color, birthplace and occupation of deceased, dates and places of death and burial, certificate number, name and birthplace of father, maiden name and birthplace of mother, name and address of undertaker, physician's certificate of cause of death, signature of clerk, and date of report. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Strm., bsmt.

Marriages

45. MARRIAGES, 1831--. 37 f.b.
Marriage licenses showing names and ages of bride and groom, date of marriage, by whom performed, place of residence, and in case of minors, a permit signed by parent or guardian. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

46. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1827--. 5 v. (1-5).
Transcripts of marriage licenses, showing license number, date of license, by whom affidavit is made, by whom consent to marriage is given, full names of bride and groom, residences, place of birth, age, race and color, names of parents, address, occupation, age and color; also place of marriage, signature of county clerk and of witness, seal of county, dates license returned, filed, and registered, and book and page of entry. Arr. by license no. 1827-59, hdw.; 1860--, hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 14 x 9 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

47. INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORD, 1827--. 5 v. (1, A, B, 4, 5).
Index to Marriage Record, showing names of male and female, and record
book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of male. Hdw. under pr.
hdgs. 200 p. 14 x 10 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

48. RECORD OF MARRIAGES (Register), 1878--. 4 v. (1-4).
Register of marriage licenses, showing date and number of license, full
name, residence, and occupation of groom, father's name, mother's maiden
name, age, race, color, place of birth, and full name of bride, maiden
name (if widow), age, race, color, place of birth, mother's maiden name,
father's name, number of bride's marriage, date and place of marriage,
names of witnesses, by whom affidavit is made, by whom consent to mar-
riage, by whom certified, and dates of return and registration. Arr.
chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

49. INDEX TO RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1878--. 4 v. (1, 2, male;
1, 2, female).
Index to marriage register, showing names of male and female, and book
and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of male. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

50. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES, 1889--. 4 v., 6 f.b.
(v. 1889-1913; f.b. 1935--). Missing: 1914-34.
Applications for marriage licenses, showing application number, date, names,
ages, and addresses of bride and groom, and in case of minors, a permit
signed by parent. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. V. 400 p.
14 x 10 x 2; f.b. 10 x 5 x 14. 4 v., 1889-1913, strm., bsmt.; 6 f.b.,
1935--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Census

51. CENSUS (Pike County, Illinois), 1880. 1 v.
Census of persons in 24 townships of Pike County, Illinois, as of June 1,
1880, showing name, address, age, sex, race and color of resident. Arr.
alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 1830 p.
15 x 11 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Licenses and Registers

Register of Officers (See
also entry 2.)

52. REGISTER OF OFFICERS (Qualified), 1835--. 5 v. (1 not numbered,
1835-46; 1 not numbered, 1857-80; 2-4, 1879--). Missing: 1847-56.
Title varies: Register of Commissions.
Register of commissions of county officers, showing names of officer and
sureties, dates of election, commission and qualification, date and amount
of bond, and remarks. 1893--, in three sections: justice of peace and
police magistrate; constable; and notary public. Arr. alph. by name of
officer. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 16 x 11 x 2. 1 v.,
1835-46, strm., bsmt.; 4 v., 1857--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

53. REGISTER OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS, 1887--. 1 v., 1 f.b.
(v. 1887--; f.b. 1897-1907).

Register of certified township officers, showing names of townships, supervisors, assessors, collectors, town clerks, road commissioners, school trustees, constables, and justice of peace, date and expiration of commission, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. V. 100 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1, f.b. 5 x 5 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. V., co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; f.b., strm., bsmt.

Professional Licenses
and Registers

54. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATES, 1877--. 2 v. (1, 2).
Registration of physicians, dentists, osteopaths, and veterinarians' certificates, showing name of registrant, and dates of issue and registration of certificate. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of registrant. Hdw. 100 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

55. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS AND ACCOUCHEURS, 1877--. 1 v.
Register of physicians' and accoucheurs' licenses, showing name, address, age, and nativity, date registered, number of years in practice, number of years in practice in State of Illinois, certificate of state board of health, dates of diploma or license and filing of certificate, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of registrant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

56. CERTIFICATE OF NURSES, 1909-10. 1 v. Discontinued.
Register of nurses certificates issued by Illinois state board of examiners, showing certificate number, and date, name and qualifications of nurse. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of nurse. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 160 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Patents

57. PATENT RECORD, 1869--. 1 v.
Copies of certificates of patents issued by United States Patent Office, showing name of inventor, kind of invention, dates of filing and expiration, to whom patent is issued, and description of invention. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 274 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Stallion Certificates (See
also entry 106.)

58. STALLION REGISTER, 1889--. 3 v. (1, 2, 1889-1912; 1, 1910--).
Title varies: Certificates, State Board of Agriculture.
Register of certificates for stallions issued by department of agriculture, showing number of certificate, to whom issued, and description of stallion. Arr. chron. 1889-1912, no index; 1910--, indexed alph. by name of stallion. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs. 50 p., 315 p.; 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. V. 1, 2, strm., bsmt.; v. 1, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Estrays, Marks and Brands

59. RECORD OF MARKS AND BRANDS, 1821--. 1 v. Last entry 1873. Register of marks and brands of cattle, showing date of registration, name of registrant, description of mark or brand; also records of trademarks of manufacturers. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 85 p. $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

60. ESTRAY RECORD, 1847--. 2 v. Last entry 1869. Record of notices of estray farm animals found and held, showing description of animal, date, and place found. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 120 p. 13 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 . Strm., bsmt.

Dog Licenses (See also entry 272.)

61. DOG TAG RECORD, 1918--. 1 v. (1). 1834-1917 in Assessor's Books, entry 16. Record of dog license tags delivered by and returned to county clerk; also record of dog license tags issued by county clerk to owners of dogs not listed by town assessor, showing name and address of owner, kind and sex of dog, amount of tax, and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 79 p. 16 x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

River Boat Licenses

62. FERRY LICENSE RECORD, 1899--. 1 v. (1). Register of ferry licenses issued, showing name and address of licensee, date and expiration of license, license fee, and amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 136 p. 11 x 9 x 1 . Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

63. SHANTY BOAT LICENSE RECORD, 1905--. 1 v. Last entry 1915. Ferry licenses issued to shanty boat owners, showing name and address of licensee, date and expiration of license, license fee, and amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 58 p. 14 x 9 x 1 . Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Elections
(See also entry 72.)

64. CANVASS BOOKS BY PRECINCTS, 1920--. 30 v. Canvass of votes cast by precincts at primary and general elections, showing number of votes cast, names of candidates, date of election, and signatures of election judges. Arr. by precinct no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 12 p. 18 x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Bonds of Officers
(See also entries 2, 52, 72.)

65. JUSTICES' AND CONSTABLES' BOND RECORD, 1880--. 2 v. (A, D).
Last entry 1935.
Record of justice and constable bonds, showing name and address of justice or constable, name of bondsman, amount, date, and expiration of bond, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of officer. Hdw. on pr. fm. 592 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
66. ASSESSOR'S BOND RECORD, 1899--. 2 v. (A, B).
Transcripts of assessor's bonds, showing names of assessor and bondsman, amount, number, date, and expiration of bond, and date recorded. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of assessor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 296 p. 18 x 13 x 2. V. A, 1899-1934, strm., bsmt.; v. B, 1935--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
67. COLLECTOR'S BOND RECORD, 1872-1918. 4 v. (B-E). Discontinued.
Copies of collector's bonds, showing names of collector, township, and sureties, and term of bond. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of collector. V. B, E, 1872-85, 1909-18, strm., bsmt.; v. C, D, 1885-1908, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
68. TOWNSHIP TREASURERS' BOND RECORD, 1889-1918. 1 v.
Discontinued.
Copies of township treasurers' bonds, showing name and address of treasurer, date and amount of bond, name of bondsman, obligations, date acknowledged by notary and filed, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of treasurer. Hdw. on pr. fm. 292 p. $18\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.
69. TOWN COLLECTORS' BONDS, 1896-1905. 1 f.b. 1906-- in Supervisor's Proceedings, entry 1.
Township collectors' bonds showing name of bondsman, amount, condition and number and date of bond, by whom issued, dates of expiration and registration, and signatures of sureties. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 5 x $9\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.
70. TOWN ASSESSORS' BONDS, 1899-1906. 1 f.b. 1907-- in Supervisor's Proceedings, entry 1.
Bonds of township assessors, showing names of assessor and bondsman, amount, condition and number of bond, by whom issued, and dates of bond, expiration, and registration. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 5 x $9\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Fees, Receipts and Expenditures

71. COUNTY CLERK'S ACCOUNT WITH REGISTRAR, 1918--. 1 v., 1 f.b.

Title varies: Annual Birth Reports.

County clerk's accounts with registrars of births and deaths, showing name and address of registrar, date of report, number of report cards, births, stillbirths, and deaths, date of report to department of public health, and amount of fee due and paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. V. 297, p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, f.b. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. V., 1918-22, strm., bsmt.; f.b., 1923--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For prior records of fees for birth and death reports, see entry 262.

Miscellaneous Records

72. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1870--. 4 v. (1-4).

Copies of miscellaneous papers and records, including articles of incorporation, letters of administration to collect, officials' and trustees' bonds, articles of agreement, publication of notices, abstracts of votes, tax sale notices, and affidavits for tax deeds. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by subject. Hdw. 450 p. 15 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

III. RECORDER

The recorder was originally appointed in Pike County by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.¹ In 1835 he became an elected officer of the county electorate,² his office remaining elective until 1848 when, under the second constitution, the clerk of the county court became ex-officio the recorder. This provision, however, allowed for legislation making the clerk of the circuit court ex-officio recorder in place of the county clerk. In 1849 by statutory provision the clerk of the circuit court became ex-officio recorder.³

The constitution of 1870 made it possible for this provision to continue in counties under 60,000 of population, and subsequent legislation made it a requirement for the clerk of the circuit court to act as ex-officio recorder in counties of this size.⁴ In Pike County this ex-officio status has persisted from 1848 until the present day.

1. L. 1812, P. 18, 19.

2. ELECTED FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM. L. 1835, P. 166. THE TERM WAS LATER REDUCED TO TWO YEARS. L. 1845, P. 28.

3. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 19; L. 1842, P. 63-66.

4. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8; R.S. 1874, P. 833.

Under the laws of 1819 bond for this office was first set at \$1500.¹ Today the clerk of the circuit court is required to enter bond for \$10,000 for his duties as recorder. The official bond is approved by the county court, filed in the secretary of state's office, and a copy is entered on the records of the county court.²

Originally the recorder was required to provide at his own cost, parchment or large books in which to record all deeds, mortgages, and conveyances brought to him for that purpose.³ In 1845 provision was made for the county commissioners' court to furnish the recorder with the proper books for this office. This provision has remained effective until the present and the books are supplied at county expense.⁴

The recorder is required to keep the following records:

1. An entry book for the notation of the date and order of receipt of instruments, and the names of parties and location of property.
2. Books of recordation, with a single alphabetical index for grantor and grantee. Separate books may be kept for different classes of instruments; a separate series, denoted "B" for recordation of bills of sale, chattel mortgages, releases and extensions, etc.
3. A separate book to record certificates of honorable military, aviation, and naval discharges.
4. An index, arranged alphabetically by name of grantor, containing also name of grantee, and showing date and kind of instrument and the page of its recordation.
5. A similar index, kept by name of grantee. In practice this and the above index are sometimes kept as one numbered series, but with no results contrary to the intent of the law.
6. Other indexes, such as for instruments recorded by corporations, powers of attorney, chattel mortgages, etc. Sometimes duplicate "Grantor-Grantee Index", but recommended by utility.
7. An index to recorded maps and plats, based on location of property. Sometimes arranged by section, township, range, etc.
8. An abstract book, in effect indexing records by showing for each tract every conveyance or incumbrance recorded, its execution and filing date, and the book and page⁵ of its recordation. Series optional with county board.

1. L. 1812, P. 19.

2. IBID; SEE ALSO R.S. 1845, P. 431; R.S. 1874, P. 833.

3. L. 1812, P. 18.

4. R.S. 1845, P. 432; L. 1847, P. 69; L. 1865, P. 93; R.S. 1874, P. 833.

5. L. 1812, P. 18, 20, 21; R.L. 1829, P. 116, 117; L. 1847, P. 69; L. 1853, P. 254; L. 1867, P. 148; L. 1869, P. 2; L. 1871-72, P. 645, 646; L. 1873, P. 144; R.S. 1874, P. 834-37; L. 1917, P. 652; L. 1925, P. 521; L. 1933-34, THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, P. 214.

Entry Books

73. ENTRY BOOK (Deeds and Mortgages), 1821--. 35 v. (1-11, 1821-69; 1-3, 1857-77; 6 v. not numbered, 1859-91; 5-19, 1891--). Daily entry book of deeds and mortgages, showing instrument number, names of grantor, grantee, mortgagor, and mortgagee, legal description of property, dates of instrument and entry, consideration, and amount paid for recording. Contains all records of fees, 1821-76. Arr. chron. 1821--, indexed alph. by names of grantor and grantee; for sep. index, 1857-77, see entry 74. 1821-57, hdw.; 1858--, hdw. on pr. fm. 320 p. 19 x 13 x 3. V. 1-11, 1-3, 6 v. not numbered, 1821-91, strm., bsmt.; v. 5-19, 1891--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
74. INDEX TO ENTRY BOOK, 1857-77. 3 v. (1-3). Index to entry books, showing names of grantor, grantee, mortgagor, and mortgagee, date and kind of instrument, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by names of grantor, grantee, mortgagor, and mortgagee. Hdw. 100 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Strm., bsmt.
75. ENTRIES OF CONVEYANCES (Lands), 1872-74. 1 v. Discontinued. Entry book of conveyances of lands, showing names of grantor and grantee, type of instrument, legal description, number of acres and date conveyed. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. For index, see entry 80. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 625 p. 19 x 13 x 3. Strm., bsmt.
76. ENTRIES OF CONVEYANCES (Lots), 1872-73. 1 v. Discontinued. Entry book of conveyances of lots, showing names of grantor and grantee, type of instrument, legal description, division, subdivision, and date conveyed. Arr. by name of sub-division or town. For index, see entry 81. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 19 x 13 x 3. Strm., bsmt.
77. (CLAIMS AND LAND GRANTS), 1817-25. 1 v. Discontinued. Entry book of claims and land grants, showing number of claim, date of filing, names of grantor and grantee, address, location and legal description of property. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 222 p. 12 x 8 x 1. Strm., bsmt.
78. PATENT RECORD (Lands), 1839-46. 4 v. Discontinued. Register of land patents, showing names of patentee and present owner, description, number of acres, total valuation, date county and state tax paid, and remarks. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. 200 p. $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Instruments Recorded
(See also entry 114.)

General

79. GRANTOR, GRANTEE INDEX, 1925--. 12 v. (6 grantor; 6 grantee). Grantor and grantee index showing names of grantor and grantee, date and kind of instrument, consideration, legal description, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 20 x 15 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

80. TRACT INDEX, 1823--. 10 v. (9 v., 1823--; 1 v., 1875-85). Index to tracts, showing date of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, mortgagor, and mortgagee, legal description, kind of instrument, book and page of entry, date filed, and remarks. One volume, 1875-85, transcribed from old index. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p., 500 p.; 18 x 12 x 2, 20 x 16 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

81. TOWN LOT INDEX, 1823--. 4 v. (1-4). Town lot index showing dates of instrument and filing, names of grantor, grantee, mortgagor, and mortgagee, legal description of lots, kind of instrument, book and page of entry, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of sub-division or town. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 20 x 16 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

82. DEED RECORD, 1818--. 217 v. (1, 1-3, 5, 7-22, 22A, 23, 25-31, 33-49, 49, 51-138, 140-154, 154, 155, 157-163, 165-182, 185-220, 1818--; 3 not numbered, 1847--). Recordation of all deeds not segregated by type, including trust, warranty, quitclaim, tax, administrators', cemetery, master's, guardians', executors', and release deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of filing, amount, legal description, names of witnesses, terms, and acknowledgment and date of deed. Also contains Mortgage Record, 1818-46, entry 86. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of grantor and grantee. 104 v., 1818-1932, hdw.; 104 v., 1865-1930, hdw. on pr. fm.; 9 v., 1890--, hdw. and typed. 600 p. 13 x 13 x 2½. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Deeds (See
also entry 82.)

83. BOND FOR DEED RECORD, 1905--. 1 v. Copies of bonds given for lien of deeds, showing names of principal and bondsmen, date and amount of bond, and notarial seal. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. 426 p. 18 x 12½ x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

84. DEEDS, 1856-1911. 4 f.b. (A-D). Warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, and releases, showing date of instrument, names of grantor and grantee, legal description of property, consideration, notarial seal, and date of recording. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. No index. 10½ x 5 x 13½. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

85. TRUST DEED RECORD, 1865-93. 5 v. (1-5).
Recordation of trust deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, date of filing, amount, legal description, names of witnesses, term, acknowledgment, and date of instrument. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on pr. fm. 640 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other deed records, see Deed Record, entry 82.

Mortgages - Real Property

86. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1847--. 84 v. (1-84). 1818-46 in Deed Record, entry 82.
Record of mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of consideration, date, legal description of property, rate of interest, date payable, termination of mortgage, and date filed. Also contains Chattel Mortgage Record, 1847-65, entry 89. Arr. chron. For index, 1847-1924, see entry 87; for index, 1925--, see entry 79. 1847-71, hdw.; 1872--, hdw. on pr. fm. 590 p. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

87. MORTGAGE TOWN LOTS INDEX, 1847-1924. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1, 2).
Index to mortgages, showing city or village, addition, location, section, township and range numbers, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of town addition. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Condition poor. 383 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

88. (MORTGAGES FILED AND UNCALLED FOR), 1920--. 2 f.b.
Uncalled for mortgage documents showing name and address of property owner, location of real estate, book and page of entry, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, and date due. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. No index. 16 x 6 x 22. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Mortgages - Chattel

89. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1866--. 98 v. (1-93, 1866--; B-F, 1927--). 1847-65 in Mortgage Record, entry 86.
Record of chattel mortgages, showing date of entry, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, terms, description of chattels, date due, amount of interest, notarial seal, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee; for sep. index, 1884--, see entry 90. 1866-1924, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1925--, typed on pr. fm. 350 p., 640 p.; 16 x 10 x 3, 18 x 14 x 4. V. 1-72, 1866-1927, strm., bsmt.; v. 73-93, 1928--, B-F, 1927--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

90. CHATTEL MORTGAGE INDEX, 1884--. 7 v. (1-7).
Index to chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date filed, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. 4 v., 1884-1925, strm., bsmt.; 3 v., 1926--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

91. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RENEWAL RECORD, 1892--. 3 v. (1-3).
Copies of affidavits for renewal of notes of chattel mortgages, showing dates of extension and recording, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage, length of extension, and signatures of mortgagor and mortgagee. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagee. Hdw. on pr. fm. 330 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. 1 v., 1892-1905, strm., bsmt.; 2 v., 1906--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Recorder -
Instruments Recorded

(92-98)

92. CHATTEL MORTGAGES FILED, 1934--. 6 f.b.
Chattel mortgages filed for record but not recorded, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, date, and terms of mortgage, description of property, date due, interest rate, notary seal, and date of filing. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. No index. 18 x 24 x 26. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

93. CHATTEL AND REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES, RELEASES AND DEEDS, 1865-1923.
1 f.b., 1 bdl. (f.b., 1865-1918; bdl., 1881-1923).
Original chattel mortgages, real estate mortgages, releases and deeds left for recording, and not called for. Arr. alph. by name of the party of the first part. No index. F.b. 19 x 15 x 2, bdl. $8\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x $10\frac{1}{2}$. F.b. strm., bsmt.; bdl. cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Certificates of Levy

94. CERTIFICATE OF LEVY, SALE AND REDEMPTION, 1861--. 2 v. (A, B).
Copies of certificates of levy, sale and redemption, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, redeomer, and purchaser, legal description of property, terms of contract, date and amount of redemption, and acknowledgment of receipt of redemption money. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 572 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

95. MASTER'S CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1886--. 1 v. (B).
Copies of master's certificates of sales in chancery cases together with redemption record, showing date, name of defendant, legal description of property, amount of sale, and total taxes due. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 383 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

96. SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF LEVY SALE AND SHERIFF'S DEEDS, 1933--. 1 f.b.
Sheriff's certificates of levy and sale, showing amount, purpose, and date of levy, and against whom levied, date, and names of sheriff and purchaser, term of court, and legal description of property. Also contains sheriff's deeds. Arr. chron. No index. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

97. REGISTER (Certificate of Levy and Attachment), 1842-70. 1 v.
Discontinued.
Register of certificate of levy and attachment, showing names of sheriff, plaintiff, and defendant, date of levy or attachment, and legal description of property. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 87 p. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other bound copies of certificates, see entry 94.

Other Instruments

98. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORD, 1865--. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1865-1929; 1, 1919--).
Copies of honorable discharge from the United States Army, showing name of soldier, dates of discharge and enlistment, reason for discharge, place of birth, age, character record, and rank. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of soldier. 1865-1929, hdw. on pr. fm.; v. 1, 1919--, typed and hdw. on pr. fm., interspersed. 589 p. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

99. BILLS OF SALE RECORD, 1898--. 2 v. (1, 1898-1927; 2, 1916--). Recordation of bills of sale, showing names of buyer and seller, description of merchandise sold, and dates of sale and recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of purchaser. 1898-1927, hdw. or typed on pr. fm.; 1927--, hdw. on pr. fm. 292 p. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

100. ODD FELLOWS TRUSTEES RECORD, 1909--. 1 v. Copies of certificates of election of trustees of Odd Fellows, showing names of candidates, number of votes each received, and dates of election and record number. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of candidate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 p. 18 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

101. LIENS ON CHATTELS, 1922--. 4 f.b. (1-4). Liens on chattels, showing names of parties in suit, date and amount of lien, description of chattel, and date filed. Arr. chron. $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

102. INDEX TO LIENS ON CHATTELS, 1922--. 1 v. (1). Index to file of liens on chattels, showing names of parties in suit, amount of lien, and file box number. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 x 13 x 1. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

103. TRANSFER OF BANK STOCK, 1925--. 1 v. Register of transfer of bank stock, showing date of transfer, number of certificates and shares, from and to whom issued, and address of stockholder. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of stockholders. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 12 x 10 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

104. AFFIDAVIT FOR LIEN ON GETS, 1889--. 1 v. Last entry 1906. Transcribed copies of affidavits for liens on gets, showing date, name and address of owner of sire, name of sire, amount of lien, name of owner of mare and foal. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner of sire. Hdw. on pr. fm. 315 p. 16 x 12 x 1. Strm., bsmt.

105. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORD, 1920--. 1 v. Last entry 1922. Entry book of oil and gas leases, showing names and address of lessor and lessee, legal description, term of lease, amount paid, and dates of lease and recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of lessor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 640 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

106. RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF STALLION RECORD, 1911-17. 1 v. 1918-- in State Department of Registration, Springfield, Illinois. Board of registration's renewal of stallion certificates, showing name of stallion, breed, names of original and present owner, seal and signature of secretary of Illinois State Board of Agriculture. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of stallion. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 p. $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other stallion records, see entry 58.

107. SWAMP LAND RECORD, 1852-54. 1 v. Discontinued. Abstract record of swamp and overflow land, showing name of owner, location of land, number of acres, legal description and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Condition poor. 200 p. 14 x 9 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

108. REGISTER NAMES OF LANDS, 1915--. 1 v. (1).

Register of farm names, showing owner's name and address, name of farm, description of lands to which farm name applies, subdivision of section, township, range, school district number, number of acres, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of farm. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Maps and Plats

109. HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, 1910--. 3 v. (B-D).

Physical plats of highway right-of-ways, showing legal description and copies of dedication. Arr. alph. by name of twp. Black and white. 340 p. 18 x 24 x 4. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

110. PLAT OF LANDS TO BE ANNEXED TO PLEASANT HILL, 1927. 1 map.

Plat of lands proposed to be annexed to present corporation of village of Pleasant Hill. Physical. Author, Lou Gallaway, Pike County, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 300 ft. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 19. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

111. MISSISSIPPI RIVER POWER COMPANY OF PIKE COUNTY, 1914. 1 v.

Plat book showing plats and legal description of property of Mississippi River Power Company in Pike County. Arr. alph. by name of twp. Mounted Black and white. 28 p. $20\frac{1}{2}$ x $21\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

112. MAP OF PIKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 1906. 1 map.

Political map showing township boundaries, and county roads. Publisher, F. C. Hardacre, Vincennes, Indiana. Printed. $31\frac{1}{2}$ x $43\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

113. TOWNSHIPS OF PIKE COUNTY, 1854. 1 v.

Plat book showing plats and descriptions of townships of Pike County, with adjoining sections and quarter sections, described corners, witness trees, inches in diameter, courses they bear, links, and quarter sections. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Black and white. 30 p. $20\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Miscellaneous Records

114. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1869--. 12 v. (1-12).

Transcribed record of bills of sale, contracts, leases, assessments, statement of claim for mechanic's liens, amendments, charters, claim agreements, affidavits, orders, assignments of mortgages, bonds, notices of lis pendens, and releases of judgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal, claimant, or plaintiff. 1869-1907, hdw.; 1908--, typed. 600 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

IV. COUNTY COURT

In Pike County, as in each county of the state, there is a county court administered by the county judge. The court hears and determines matters in which it has original or concurrent jurisdiction, including appeals from justices of the peace and police magistrates. The county judge is elected for a four-year term and before entering upon the duties of his office is required to take and subscribe to an oath which he files with the secretary of state.¹

The county court was first established in Pike County under the constitution of 1848 and the legislation of 1849.² The newly-formed county court was a partial reversion to the dual, administrative and judicial functions of the local judiciary in Illinois under the territorial laws prior to 1818, except that the composition of the county court varied for each of the two functions. The judicial court was administered by the county judge; as the county governing body, the court was made up of the county judge and two justices of the peace. Complete separation of county business powers from the judicial could be had only with the acceptance by the county electorate of an independent administrative body, the county board of supervisors, under township organization. In Pike County this separation took place in 1849 with the selection of the township plan, and became effective in 1850.

The new county court was vested with the same civil and criminal jurisdiction as the justice of the peace. The county judge, commissioned by the governor, was the conservator of the peace for the county; his four-year tenure of service has remained in effect from the first legislation until the present time.³ He was given the same power and authority as the circuit court, in preserving order in the court, and punishing contempts offered the court while in session.⁴

In addition to its civil and criminal jurisdiction the county court was vested with all the powers and jurisdiction in probate matters which were vested prior to this date in the court of the probate justice of the peace. In its probate function the court was given concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court.⁵ In Pike County the county judge has served until the present day as ex-officio judge of the probate court.

The law jurisdiction of the county court in Pike County, from 1874 to the present, is concurrent with that of the circuit court in that class

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1. R.S. 1874, P. 339; L. 1881, P. 70
 2. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 16; L. 1849, P. 62.
 3. L. 1849, P. 64; R.S. 1874, P. 339; L. 1933, P. 451.
 4. IBID; SEE ALSO L. 1852, P. 99.
 5. L. 1852, P. 99.

of cases: first, wherein the justices of the peace have jurisdiction where the value or the amount in controversy does not exceed one thousand dollars;¹ second, in all cases of appeals from justices of the peace and police magistrates; third, in all criminal offenses and misdemeanors where the punishment is not imprisonment in the penitentiary or death.²

Appeals from the judgments and decisions of the county court may be taken to the circuit court.³ To the appellate court or supreme court may be taken and prosecuted appeals and writs of error in proceedings for the sale of lands for taxes and special assessments, and in all common law and attachment cases, and cases of forcible detainer and forcible entry and detainer. Such appeals and writs of error are, when not otherwise provided, taken and prosecuted in the same manner as appeals and writs of error from the circuit court.⁴

The records of the court are kept by the clerk of the county court. The county clerk is the ex-officio clerk of the county court. In addition to these statutory records described below, the clerk necessarily maintains others in effecting the court's orders.⁵

For the court, the clerk keeps the following records:

1. Books of record of the proceedings and judgments of the court, with alphabetical indexes by parties. Proceedings are recorded at length only in cases designated by law, or when the court, at the motion and assumption of expense by one of the parties, so orders. In practice, the court record has been broken down from an early date into segregated types of proceedings and judgments.
2. "Plaintiff-Defendant Index to Court Records" and "Defendant-Plaintiff Index to Court Records." Intended to be separate records, but frequently combined in a single volume with the two indexes segregated in each volume.
3. A general docket, in which all suits are entered in the order they are commenced.

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1. UNDER THE LAWS OF 1872 THE JURISDICTION WAS IN CASES NOT EXCEEDING \$500. THE REVISED LAWS OF 1874 AND SUBSEQUENT LEGISLATION EXTENDED THE JURISDICTION TO CASES WHEREIN THE AMOUNT INVOLVED WAS NOT OVER \$1000.
 2. R.S. 1874, P. 339; L. 1877, P. 77; L. 1933, P. 448.
 3. R.S. 1874, P. 339.
 4. R.S. 1874, P. 339; L. 1877, P. 77; L. 1881, P. 66.
 5. THIS CATEGORY IS OBLIQUELY RECOGNIZED BY LAW; THOUGH THE FORM WHICH SUCH RECORDS TAKE IS GENERALLY DETERMINED BY COURT ORDER. L. 1842, P. 66; R.S. 1874, P. 263.

4. A judgment and execution docket, containing a column for the entry of satisfaction or other disposition. In practice an execution is frequently set up independently highlighting the information for which the extra column of the larger record was intended.
5. Additional dockets, designated as the clerk's, judge's, and bar docket. In practice the bar docket has tended to drop out of use.
6. A fee book, in which costs and fees are to be entered under the proper title of the cause. In practice separate series of volumes are maintained under these titles of causes.
7. Transcripts of proceedings in appeals from justices' courts, dockets thereof, and transcripts of judgment for liens, etc., from justices' courts.
8. Naturalization records, including petitions, proceedings, final certificates, etc. The county courts in Illinois prior to 1906 met the requirement of Federal Statutes to exercise naturalization jurisdiction.¹
9. Original documents used in court hearings and determinations; of particular importance in the large number of cases where complete proceedings are not spread upon court record.²

Proceedings of Court

115. INDEX TO COURT RECORDS, 1872--. 1 v. (1).
Index to common law and criminal files, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, and case number. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

116. COMMON LAW, 1872--. 19 f.b.
Original papers in common law cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, kind of action, record of evidence submitted, disposition of case, and date filed; cases numbered 1-1307. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 115. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

117. COUNTY COURT RECORD (Common Law), 1888--. 2 v. (2, 3).
1857-87 in Court Record, entry 120.
Record of common law cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, kind of action, date filed, record of evidence submitted, and disposition of case. Arr. by case no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 641 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

1. U.S.S. 1802, P. 153; U.S.R.S. 1874, P. 378.
2. R.S. 1845, P. 57, 323, 324, 414, 418, 419; L. 1865, P. 79, 80; L. 1871-72, P. 325; R.S. 1874, P. 262, 263, 339; L. 1877, P. 77; L. 1933, P. 448, 451; U.S.S. 1802, P. 153-55; U.S.R.S. 1874, P. 378-80; U.S.S. 1906, P. 598-607; U.S.S. 1915, P. 736-38; U.S.S. 1926, P. 709, 710.

118. CRIMINAL LAW, 1873--. 25 f.b.
Original papers in criminal cases, showing date, case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, nature of charge, and orders of court. Cases numbered 1-2822. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 115.
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

119. COUNTY COURT RECORD (Criminal), 1872--. 5 v. (1-5).
1857-71 in Court Record, entry 120.
County court record of criminal cases, showing kind of case, case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, minutes of case, action taken by judge, and date of filing. Also contains Record of Order of Court Granting Release on Probation, 1872-1915, entry 136. Arr. by case no. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 600 p.
18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

120. COURT RECORD, 1857-87. 3 v. (2 not numbered, 1).
Record of criminal and common law cases in county court, showing kind of case, names of plaintiff and defendant, case number, minutes of case, action taken by judge, and dates of filing. Also contains Voluntary Insolvency Record, 1857-80, entry 124; County Court Record (Criminal), 1857-71, entry 119; and County Court Record (Common Law), entry 117. Arr. chron. 1857-71, no index; 1872-87, indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 175 p., 640 p.; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$, 18 x 3 x 3.
2 v. not numbered, 1857-71, strm., bsmt.; v. 1, 1872-87, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

121. DEFAULT RECORD, 1873--. 1 v.
County court record of default cases, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of assessment, and court order. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 416 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

122. JUDGMENT IN VACATION, 1915--. 1 v.
Record of judgment by confession in vacation, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date of confession, charge, judgment rendered, remarks, and date of recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 256 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

123. EXHIBIT "A" AND INSOLVENCY RECORD, 1882--. 1 v. (1).
Record of copies of forms of exhibit "A", showing name and address, date of insolvency, liabilities and accounts of estates, with orders and decrees of insolvency of estates as judged by county court. Also contains Voluntary Insolvency Record, 1905--, entry 124. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of party insolvent. Hdw. on pr. fm. 426 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

124. VOLUNTARY INSOLVENCY RECORD, 1881-1904. 3 v. (1-3).
1857-80 in Court Record, entry 120; 1905-- in Exhibit "A" and Insolvency Record, entry 123.
Assignments in voluntary insolvency, showing name and address of insolvent, date of voluntary insolvency, assets and liabilities, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of insolvent. Hdw. 460 p.
18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

125. ADOPTION RECORDS, 1878--. 1 f.b., 1 v. (f.b., 1878-1911; v. A, 1916--). Last entry 1931. 1912-15, no adoptions. Title varies: Adoption Papers.

Petitions and decree for adoption, showing names of child, petitioner, reasons for adoption, age and sex of child, statement and proof of eligibility by petitioner, date of petition and decree. Arr. chron. 1878-1911, no index; 1916--, indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. F.b. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$, v. 148 p. $18 \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

126. INSANITY RECORD, 1893--. 4 v. (1-4).

Record of insanity cases, showing names of patient and petitioner, petition for adjudgment, certificate of examination, date of commitment by jury, and order of commitment to hospital. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 p. $18 \times 13 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For prior insanity records, see entries 143, 156.

127. JUDICIAL RECORD, 1852-57. 1 v. Discontinued.

Daily record of cases in county court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, charge, date of trial, order of court, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 300 p. $17 \times 12 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Dockets

Court Dockets

128. JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1854--. 6 v.

Dockets of common law and criminal cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, term date, kind of action, and final disposition of case. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p. $14 \times 9 \times 1$. 4 v., 1854-1912, strm., bsmt.; 2 v., 1913--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

129. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1862-85. 1 v.

1886-- in Judgment and Execution Docket, entry 131.

Docket of executions in County court, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, action, book and page of entry, date and amount of judgment, against whom entered, costs, judgment docket page number, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of person on whom execution was served. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. $18 \times 13 \times 2$. Strm., bsmt.

130. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1862-85. 1 v.

1886-- in Judgment and Execution Docket, entry 131.

Docket of judgments in county court, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, action, book and page of entry, date and amount of judgment, against whom rendered, costs, execution docket page number, and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment was entered. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. $18 \times 13 \times 2$. Strm., bsmt.

County Court - Fee Books;
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131. JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION DOCKET, 1886--. 1 v. (B).

Judgment and execution docket, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of judgment or decree, against whom entered, date of execution, and disposition of case. Prior to 1885, Judgment and Execution dockets kept separately, entries 129, 130. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 295 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

132. COURT DOCKET, 1840-75. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1). Missing:
1844-72. Discontinued.

Court docket of common law and criminal cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date and type of action, and remarks. Also contains Probate Judge's Docket, 1840-50, entry 175. Arr. chron. No index. 1840-43, hdw.; 1873-75, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 480 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Justice of the Peace Dockets

133. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKET, 1862-1930. 84 v. Subsequent dockets are in the hands of individual justices.

Docket of justice of the peace cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and justice of the peace, date of trial, nature of charge, judgment entered, amount of fees, and witness costs. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1862-72, hdw.; 1873-1930, hdw. and hdw. under pr. hdgs., interspersed. 300 p. 13 x 9 x 1. Strm., bsmt.

Fee Books

134. COMMON LAW AND CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1873--.

4 v. (1 not labeled, 1873-1933; 1, 1873--; 2, 1911-24;
B, 1911--).

Register of fees received in common law and criminal cases and for miscellaneous services, showing names of payee, plaintiff, and defendant, term date, clerk's costs, items of fees, amount of costs in suit, dates received and reported to county board, plaintiff's and defendant's costs and remarks. Also contains records of Drainage Fees, 1873-1907, entry 306. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant, Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 620 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Bonds

135. RECOGNIZANCE RECORD, 1882--. 2 v. (A, B).

Transcripts of recognizance bonds, showing names of judge, clerk, sheriff, state's attorney, defendant, and bondsman, and bond for personal appearance, amount of bond, date, and place of appearance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 29 p., 72 p.; 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Probation

136. RECORD OF ORDER OF COURT GRANTING RELEASE ON PROBATION, 1916--.
2 v. (1, 2). 1872-1915 in County Court Record (Criminal),
entry 119.

Record of requests for release on probation, and order and decree of the county judge granting release on probation, showing name, age, and address of defendant, term for which committed, charge of indictment, to whom released, and terms of probation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 290 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

137. MOTHERS' PENSION, 1920--. 3 f.b.

Mothers' pension documents, including applications, decrees of court, reports of investigating officer, and records of payments. Cases numbered 1-134. Arr. by case no. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

138. MOTHERS' PENSION RECORD, 1920--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Mothers' pension record. showing name and address of mother, names and ages of children, date of decree of court, page number, and date of resolution of board, amount and date paid, order number, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of pensioner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 220 p. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Naturalization

(See also entries 224-226.)

139. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1884-1906. 2 v. (A, B).

Missing: 1903-4.

Record of petitions for naturalization, showing name of county clerk, name and nationality of alien, oath to renounce all allegiance to any foreign power, date and oath of intention to become citizen, affidavits of witnesses, and final oaths and certificates including those of minors and discharged soldiers. Arr. by petition no. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 442 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

V. PROBATE COURT

Probate courts have original jurisdiction in all matters of probate, the settlement of estates of deceased persons, the appointment of guardians and conservators and settlement of their accounts; matters relating to apprentices; proceedings by executors, administrators, guardians, and conservators for sale of real estate; proceedings for the collection of taxes of property in probate.¹

From the time of the first general assembly, there has been little change in probate jurisdiction. In 1819, the assembly first gave jurisdiction to the county commissioners' court. In 1821, when Pike County was organized, independent probate courts were established.² The newly created courts of probate were composed of a "judge of probate", elected by the General Assembly.³ In 1839 "the judges of probate" were succeeded by "probate justices of the peace." A probate justice was elected in each county by the county electorate for a quadrennial term, as of 1839.⁴ Finally, less than a decade later, the second constitution transferred to the newly-created county court all probate jurisdiction, and subsequent legislation required it to hold special terms for such matters.⁵ Pike county court has retained probate jurisdiction from 1848 until the present day.

The early probate justices were required to perform the ministerial function of the probate clerk.⁶ Following the organization of the county court in Pike County in 1848, until the present, the county clerk has served as ex-officio clerk of the probate court.

The major records of probate courts are:

1. Journal of all judicial proceedings and determinations of the judge.
2. A judgment docket with direct and indirect index, former by name of claimant against estate, latter by estate. In practice the requirement of two indexes often leads to two dockets.

1. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. VI, SEC. 20; R.S. 1874, P. 339, 340; L. 1877, P. 80.

2. L. 1819, P. 224; L. 1821, P. 119.

3. L. 1821, P. 119; THE MANNER OF ELECTION OF ALL JUDGES OF INFERIOR COURTS, HOWEVER, HAD BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. IV, SEC. 4.

4. R.L. 1837, P. 176.

5. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 16, 18; L. 1849, P. 64, 65; R.S. 1874, P. 339, 340.

6. L. 1821, P. 120; R.L. 1837, P. 429.

3. Books of recordation of bonds and letters of administrators, executors, and guardians; appraisements and sale bills, widows' relinquishment and selection of property; wills and the probate thereof; annual and final reports of administrators, executors, and guardians. Generally each category of these probate business matters is recorded separately, but the segregation is not always carefully maintained.
4. Separate dockets of unsettled estates and claims against estates, and a ledger of the accounts of executors, administrators, and guardians. Note that the dockets of probate business matters are separated from dockets of court proceedings, just as are the books of recordation of the two categories; the intention of the law to make this distinction is further shown in granting the clerk, during vacation of the court, power to receive petitions, accept bonds, grant letters testamentary, etc.
5. Files of original documents not subject to recordation; indexes of such; records of office transactions in pursuance of the court's orders to the clerk necessary in the latter's settlement with that body.¹

Proceedings of Court

140. INDEX TO PROBATE PAPERS (and Records), 1852--. 1 v.
Index to probate records and files, showing names of estate or ward, administrator, guardian, executor, and conservator, book and page of entry, and file box number. Arr. alph. by names of estate and ward. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

141. PROBATE PAPERS, 1835--. 273 f.b. Title varies: Estates.
File of probate papers, including wills, petitions, sales of real estate, inventories, appraisements, widows' relinquishments and selections, sale bills, reports of estates, reports of guardianship, and orders of court. Also contains Claims Against Estates, 1852-1933, entry 142. Arr. by case no. For index, see entry 140. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 11, 10 x 5 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

142. CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES, 1934--. 21 f.b. 1852-1933 in Probate Papers, entry 141.
File of claims against estates of deceased, showing name of claimant, kind of claim, date filed, rate of interest, and amount allowed by court. Arr. alph. by name of claimant. No index. 4 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

1. L. 1821, P. 119; R. L. 1829, P. 215, 231; R. L. 1837, P. 429; R. S. 1845, P. 427, 428; L. 1851, P. 193; L. 1852, P. 92-94; R. S. 1874, P. 260-65; L. 1877, P. 63; L. 1933, P. 293.

143. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1821--. 57 v. (1-9, 1821-55; 12, 13, 1858-63; 10-55, 1853--). Title varies: Probate Record. Daily record of probate court cases, including records of filing of wills, appointment of administrators, conservators, and guardians, inventories and appraisements, reports of administrator, conservator, and guardian, order of adjustment, claims withdrawn, final discharge of bonds, petition to probate wills, petitions for insanity hearings and letters, and probate justice of the peace records. Also contains Proceedings on Petitions to Sell Real Estate to Pay Debts, 1916--, entry 169; Inheritance Tax Record, 1895-1934, entry 174; and Insane and Conservators' Record, 1908-18, entry 156. Arr. chron. 1821-63, indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, 1853--, see entry 140. Hdw. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

144. JUDICIAL RECORD, 1849-59. 1 v. Petitions for administrator or guardian, and to probate wills, showing names of estate, petitioner, administrator or guardian, and heirs, inventory, value of estate, and orders of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 392 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For additional records, see entry 143.

Probate Business

Wills, Bonds, Letters (See
also entries 72, 141, 143.)

145. WILL RECORD, 1855--. 15 v. (A, A-N). Records of last wills and testaments with proof of death, showing name of deceased, date and cause of death, names of heirs, description of property, and dates. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1855-68, hdw.; 1839--, hdw. on pr. fm. 615 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

146. ADMINISTRATION (Files), 1934--. 17 f.b. Original papers of administrators, including petitions, oaths, bonds, and letters of administration, showing names of estate, petitioners, administrator, and surety, amount, date, and terms of instrument. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

147. ADMINISTRATORS' RECORD, 1866--. 11 v. (A-K). Administrators' petitions, bonds, and letters, showing names of deceased, administrator, and sureties, amount, terms, and date of bond. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 3. V. A-F, 1866-1909, strm., bsmt.; v. G-K, 1910--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

148. ADMINISTRATORS' RECORD DE BONIS NON, 1899--. 1 v. Record of petition for letters of administrator de bonis non, showing names of estate and petitioner, date of petition, inventory, and value of estate, amount of bond, and grant of letters of administrator de bonis non. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 215 p. 18 x 15 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

149. PROBATE BONDS AND LETTERS, 1873-1922. 1 v. Discontinued. Transcribed copies of bonds of administrator de bonis non, bonds of administrator with will annexed, bonds of administrator to collect, additional bonds, guardian bonds, and guardians' additional bonds covering estates in probate, showing names of estate, administrator or guardian, date, amount and obligation of bond, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw. on pr. fm. 293 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other records of administrator's bonds, see Administrators' Record, De Bonis Non, entry 148; for guardians' bonds, see Guardians' Record, entry 152.

150. EXECUTORS' RECORD, 1886--. 7 v. (A-G). Executors' record of petition for probate of will and letters testamentary, showing date, oath and bond of executor, and grant of letters testamentary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 3. V. A-C, 1886-1911, strm., bsmt.; v. D-G, 1912--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

151. GUARDIANSHIPS, 1934--. 12 f.b. Current file of papers of guardian of estates, including petition for guardianship, date, names of minor, petitioner, guardian, and county clerk, inventory, value of real and personal property, and guardian's report. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

152. GUARDIANS' RECORD, 1874--. 9 v. (3 not lettered, 1876-89; B, D-H, 1874--). Transcribed copies of petitions for guardianship, items of receipts and disbursements, guardian's bond and letters of guardianship, showing names of guardians and bondsmen, name of estate, term of bond, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 p. 18 x 15 x 3. V. B, 1874-79, 3 v. not lettered, 1876-89, strm., bsmt.; v. D-H, 1880--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

153. CONSERVATORSHIP, 1934--. 12 f.b. Original papers in current conservatorship cases, including petitions, conservator's bond, letters of conservatorship, order of appointment, name of bondsman, amount and condition of bond, date of bond and expiration. Arr. alph. by name of conservator. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

154. MINORS (Guardians' and Conservators' Papers), 1857--. 64 f.b. Missing: 1895-1906. Guardians' and conservators' papers of minors, including names of minor and guardian, items of receipts and expense, amount and date, total amount received and paid, balance due heirs, description of securities, remarks, and notarial seal. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

155. CONSERVATORS' RECORD, 1919--. 2 v. (3, 1919--; 4, 1919--). Copies of petitions and decrees relative to conservatorship; and conservator bonds and letters, showing names of conservator and estate, amount, date, and terms of bond, and dates of letters and appointment. Contains Insane and Conservators Record, entry 156. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 325 p., 125 p.; 18 x 13 x 3, 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

156. INSANE AND CONSERVATORS' RECORD, 1872-1907. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1, 2). 1908-1918 in Probate Order Book, entry 143; 1919-- in Conservators Record, entry 155. Title varies: Insanity and Conservators' Record.

Insane and conservators' record, showing petition of inquiry as to insanity, names of patient and conservator, conservator's bond and letters, amount of bond, petition for appointment, date of appointment, verdict of jury, and order of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 598 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Strm., bsmt.

Inventories and Appraisements : (See also entry 143.)

157. INVENTORY RECORD, 1861--. 11 v. (16-26).

Inventory record of estates in probate, showing value of real and personal property, docket number, moneys, notes and amounts due deceased, names of debtors and date of notes. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 375 p. 18 x 13 x 3. V. 16-21, 1861-1912, strm., bsmt.; v. 22-26, 1913--., co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

158. GUARDIANS' INVENTORY RECORD, 1872--. 2 v. (A, B).

Guardians' inventory of real and personal property, showing names of estate and guardian, case number, description and valuation of property, annuities and credits, by whom owing, date, interest, and total amount. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 471 p., 235 p.; 18 x 13 x 3, 18 x 13 x 2. V. A, 1872-1911, strm., bsmt.; v. B, 1912--., co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

159. CONSERVATORS' INVENTORY RECORD, 1911--. 1 v.

Inventories of estates in conservatorship, showing legal description of real estate, valuation, probable rental, number and type of chattels, value, annuities and credits, by whom owing, date, interest, and total amount. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

160. APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1870--. 9 v. (16-24).

Copies of petition of and warrant to appraiser, showing oath of appraiser, estimate of widows' award, bills against estate, and date of transaction. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. V. 16, 17, 1870-81, v. 19-24, 1891--., co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; v. 18, 1882-90, strm., bsmt.

161. INVENTORIES APPRAISEMENT BILLS, 1863-71. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1863-67; 15, 1868-71). Discontinued.

Copies of appraisals, inventories, accounts and sale bills, showing dates, names of estate and appraiser, order for appraisal, appraiser's statement, value of items, date of inventory, description of property, value, date of filing, and sale bills of various items. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 640 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3. 1 v., 1863-67, strm., bsmt.; 1 v., 1868-71, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other sale, appraisement and inventory records, see entries 157, 160, 166.

162. CO-PARTNERSHIP INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1877--.

2 v. (A, B).

Copies of reports of co-partnership inventory of estates, showing legal description, and value of real estate, list of personal property, notes, and accounts; includes forms of co-partnership appraisement bill containing warrants and oath of appraiser, appraiser's bill, and oath to member of firm. Also contains Co-Partnership Liabilities Record, 1877-1910, entry 163. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 295 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3. V. A, 1877-1901, strm., bsmt.; v. B, 1902--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

163. CO-PARTNERSHIP LIABILITIES RECORD, 1911--. 1 v. (1).

Last entry 1934. 1877-1910 in Co-Partnership Inventory and Appraisement Record, entry 162.

Record of co-partnership liabilities, showing to whom owing, nature of debt, date, principal, rate of interest, accrued interest, and total amount. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 420 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

164. TESTAMENTARY TRUST RECORDS, 1905--. 1 v. (1). Last entry 1925.

Testamentary trust record, and trusteeship inventories and reports, showing names of estate, guardian, trustee, heirs, and clerk, amounts received and paid out, annuities, and credits. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of heir. Hdw. on pr. fm. 215 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Widows' Relinquishment
and Selection

165. WIDOWS' RELINQUISHMENT AND SELECTION, 1870--. 6 v. (A-F).

Copies of widow's waiver of rights to property of deceased, showing names of deceased and widow, date of petition, items of relinquishment and selection, valuation, date of recording, and signatures of judge and clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 295 p. 18 x 15 x 2. V. A-C, 1870-1903, strm., bsmt.; v. D-F, 1904--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Petitions, Decrees,
and Reports of Sale

166. SALE RECORD, 1870--. 6 v. (16-21).

Copies of administrators' bills of sale of personal property of estates in probate court, showing articles sold, name of purchaser, amount, and date of sale. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 290 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. V. 16-18, 1870-96, and v. 20, 21, 1915--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; v. 19, 1897-1914, strm., bsmt.

167. SALE RECORD PERSONAL PROPERTY (Private), 1888--. 3 v. (19-21).

Record of personal property sales, showing transcribed copies of petitions to sell personal property at private sale, court decrees covering petitions, reason for sale, description of property, names of petitioner and estate, and dates of sale and recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 289 p. 18 x 13 x 3. V. 19, 20, 1888-1919, strm., bsmt.; v. 21, 1920--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

168. SALES OF REAL ESTATE (Minors' Record), 1872--. 3 v.

(A, 1872-1925; 2, 1874-1927; 1 not labeled, 1927--).

Title varies: Proceedings on Guardians' Petitions to Sell Real Estate.

Record of petition and decrees to sell real estate and reports of sale under guardianship, showing names of minors, petitioner, and estate, reason for sale and court decree, and dates of sale and recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 558 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

169. PROCEEDINGS ON PETITION TO SELL REAL ESTATE TO PAY DEBTS, 1870-1917. 3 v. (1-6, 1870-1917; 1, 2, 1870-1917). 1918-- in Probate Order Book, entry 143.

Transcribed copies of petitions to sell real estate to pay debts, showing names of estate and petitioner, legal description of property and dates of petition, sale, and recording. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. V. 1, 2, hdw.; v. 1-6, hdw. on pr. fm. 586 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Reports and Final Accounts (See
also entry 210.)

170. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' REPORT RECORD, 1848--.

14 v. (1 v. not labeled, A-G, 8, I-M). Title varies: Probate Ledger (Final Reports).

Transcribed copies of administrators' and executors' final reports, showing names of administrator, executor, and estate, items of receipts and expenditures, amount and balance on hand. Also contains Administrators' and Executors' Accounts Current, 1881--, entry 171. Arr. chron. 1848-69, no index; 1870--, indexed alph. by name of estate. 1848-69 hdw.; 1870--, hdw. on pr. fm. 435 p., 600 p.; 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 16 x 8 x 3. 1 v. not labeled, A-G, 1848-1913, strm., bsmt.; v. 8, I-M, 1914--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For prior similar reports, see entry 143.

171. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' ACCOUNTS CURRENT, 1869-80.

2 v. (A, B). 1881-- in Administrators' and Executors' Report Record, entry 170.

Administrators' and executors' reports of current accounts, showing names of estate, administrator, and executor, date, items of receipt, amount, amounts paid out, securities, rate of interest, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 500 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Strm., bsmt.

172. GUARDIANS' REPORT RECORD, 1857--. 9 v. (1 not lettered, C-J).

Title varies: Guardians' and Conservators' Accounts Current.

Reports of accounts by guardians and conservators, showing name and address of guardian, date of report, items of receipts and disbursements, amount, kind of instrument, rate of interest, name of payor, and remarks. Conservators' Report Record also kept separately subsequent to 1906, entry 173. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. 1857-77 hdw.; 1878--, hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x 3. 1 v. not lettered, 1857-77, strm., bsmt.; v. C-J, 1878--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

173. CONSERVATORS' REPORT RECORD, 1907--. 2 v. (1 not lettered, 1907-25; B, 1924--). 1857-- also in Guardians' Report Record, entry 172.

Record of conservators' reports, showing expenses and condition of estates, assets and liabilities and complete footings. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 550 p. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 v. not lettered, 1909-25, strm., bsmt.; v. B, 1924--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Inheritance Taxes (See also entry 274.)

174. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1935--. 1 v. (1). 1895-1934 in Probate Order Book, entry 143.

Record of inheritance taxes assessed by county court, showing names of estate, heirs, attorneys, and appraiser, dates of death, hearing, appraisements, approval, and certification, appraised and taxable value, exemptions, rate, itemized list of fees, and total amount of tax paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 294 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Dockets

Court Proceedings

175. PROBATE JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1851--. 33 v. Missing: 1852-57; 1873. 1840-50 in Court Docket, entry 132.

Judge's docket of probate cases, showing names of estate, administrator, sureties, widow and heirs, amount of bond, and dates of letters, bonds, inventories and filing. Also contains Guardians' Docket, 1851-57, 1874--, entry 176, and Probate Claim Docket, 1851-1904, entry 177. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p., 300 p.; 14 x 9 x 1, 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Strm., bsmt.

176. GUARDIANS' DOCKET, 1858-73. 1 v. 1851-57, 1874-- in Probate Judge's Docket, entry 175.

Court docket of guardian cases, showing names of estate and guardian, date of filing, clerk's memorandum, and order of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 14 x 10 x 2. Strm., bsmt.

Probate Business

177. PROBATE CLAIM DOCKET, 1905--. 2 v. (1, 2). 1851-1904 in Probate Judge's Docket, entry 175.

Docket of claims against estates in probate, showing date filed, name of claimant, amount of claim, class, memorandum of summons and notice, date and amount of judgment, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of claimant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 575 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Fee Books

178. ADMINISTRATORS' AND EXECUTORS' FEE BOOK, 1851--. 14 v. (v. 6, 1851-57; 2 not labeled, 1853-73; 1 not labeled, 1856-67; D, 1886-1904; 1 not labeled, 1886-1904; E-L, 1892--). Missing: 1874-85.

Probate court fee book showing fees of estates, guardians, administrators, executors and witnesses, and miscellaneous costs. Arr. chron. 1851-1910, 1918--, no index; 1911-17, indexed alph. by name of estate. 1851-73, hdyr.; 1886--, hdy. on pr. fm. 540 p., 600 p.; 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2, 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 6 v., 1851-1904, strm., bsmt.; v. E-L, 1892--, co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

179. GUARDIANS' AND CONSERVATORS' FEE BOOK, 1834--. 3 v. (A-C). Missing: 1910.

Entry of fees collected from guardians and conservators of estates, showing name of guardian or conservator, items, amount of fees charged and received, clerk's costs, and date received and recorded. Fees received from guardianship of minors kept separately, prior to 1896, in Probate Fee Book, entry 180. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of guardian and conservator. Hdw. on pr. fm. 432 p., 584 p.; 18 x 13 x 2, 18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

180. PROBATE FEE BOOK, 1872-95. 2 v. (1 not lettered, 1879-85; B, 1872-95). 1896-- in Guardians' and Conservators' Fee Book, entry 179.

Entry of fees received in probate court from guardianship of minors, showing items of cost, amount, total, date, and amount paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1872-95, hdy. on pr. fm.; 1879-85, hdy. 365 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. 1 v., 1879-85, strm., bsmt.; 1 v., 1872-95, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

VI. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court has original jurisdiction of all causes of law and equity, and acts as a court of appeal in probate matters and causes cognizable by the county court and justices of the peace.¹ In addition, it is one of the courts capable, according to Federal Statutes of having naturalization jurisdiction.²

Originally, the circuit courts in Illinois were held in the several counties respectively by the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court. In accordance with the constitution of 1818, the general assembly by law prescribed the manner and terms of the circuit

1. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. VI, SEC. 12.
2. U.S.S. 1802, P. 153; U.S.R.S. 1874, P. 378; U.S.S. 1906, P. 596; U.S.S. 1913, P. 737; U.S.S. 1926, P. 709.

court in Pike and each county of the state.¹ The second constitution greatly changed this judicial arrangement. It divided the state into nine judicial districts, in each of which a circuit judge was elected by the voters thereof.² The constitution of 1870 altered the circuit districts and established population requirements for counties that may comprise a circuit.

Thus, in Pike County the circuit courts were held by a justice of the supreme court from its formation in 1821 until 1848. Since the latter date until the present the circuit judge has been an elected officer of the eighth judicial district electorate of eight counties of which Pike County is one.

The clerk of the circuit court was first appointed by the circuit court in Pike County.³ He was required to keep and preserve complete records of all proceedings and determinations of the court of which he was clerk.⁴

The constitution of 1848 made the clerk of the circuit court an elective officer of the county electorate with a four-year term.⁵

Among the records kept by the clerk are the following:

1. Book of record of the proceedings and judgments of the court, with alphabetical indexes by parties. Proceedings are recorded at length only in cases designated by law, or when the court, at the motion and assumption of expense by one of the parties, so orders. In practice, the court record has been broken down from an early date into segregated types of proceedings and judgments.
2. "Plaintiff-Defendant Index to Court Records" and "Defendant-Plaintiff Index to Court Records." Intended to be separate records, but frequently combined in a single volume with the two indexes segregated in each volume.
3. A general docket, in which all suits are entered in the order they are commenced.
4. A judgment and execution docket, containing a column for the entry of satisfaction or other disposition. In practice an execution is frequently set up independently, highlighting the information for which the extra column of the larger record was intended.

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1. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. IV, SEC. 4; R.L. 1829, SEE R.L. 1833, P. 151; R.S. 1845, P. 143.
 2. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 7.
 3. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. IV, SEC. 6; R.L. 1829, SEE R.L. 1833, P. 152; R.S. 1845, P. 146, 147.
 4. IBID.
 5. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 29; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8.

5. Additional dockets, designated as the clerk's, judge's, and bar docket. In practice the bar docket has tended to drop out of use.
6. A fee book, in which costs and fees are to be entered under the proper title of the case. In practice separate series of volumes are maintained under such titles of causes.
7. Transcripts of proceedings in appeals from justices' courts and foreign courts, dockets thereof, and transcripts of judgment for liens, etc., from the former.
8. Naturalization proceedings, from petitions to final certificates. Federal Statutes allow circuit court to exercise jurisdiction.
9. Reports to the court from its designated masters in chancery, the state's attorney, and the coroner's inquest juries.
10. Jury venires, summonses, certificates, etc.
11. Original documents used in court hearings and determinations. These documents are of particular importance because in a large number of cases the complete proceedings are not spread upon the court record.¹

Proceedings of Court

181. INDEX TO COURT PAPERS (and Records), 1839--. 1 v.
Index to circuit court papers and court records, showing number of file, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, date term commenced, book and page of entry, term of court, and date of judgment. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 480 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

182. CIRCUIT COURT FILES, 1819--. 541 f.b., 1 f.d., 7 bdl.
Documents in common law, chancery, and criminal cases, including complaints, summonses, subpoenas, warrants for arrest, deposition of witnesses, debtors' schedules, mechanics' liens and liens on chattels, notices of Federal tax lien, criminal capiases, criminal transcripts, indictments, recognizances, decrees, and orders of court. Also contains Sheriff's Recognizances, 1819-1908, 1928--, entry 222; and Venire for Jury, 1819-1917, 1927--, entry 215. Arr. chron. 1819-38, no index; for index, 1839--, see entry 181; for discontinued index to common law and chancery files, 1870-93, see entry 183. F.b. 5 x 4 x 10; f.d. 19 x 6 x 34; bdl. 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14. 82 f.d., 1819-1928, strm., bsmt.; 457 f.b., 1868--; 1 f.d., 1932--, 7 bdl., 1927-35, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; 2 f.b., 1932--, cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

1. R.S. 1845, P. 57, 323-26, 414, 418, 419, 518; L. 1865, P. 79, 80; L. 1871-72, P. 325; R.S. 1874, P. 262, 263, 285-87, 339; L. 1877, P. 77; L. 1895, P. 206, 210, 211, 217; L. 1933, P. 378-80; U.S.S. 1802, P. 153-55; R.S.R.S. 1874, P. 378-80; U.S.S. 1906, P. 597-607; U.S.S. 1926, P. 709, 710; U.S.S. 1922, P. 154, 155.

183. INDEX TO COMMON LAW AND CHANCERY FILES, 1870-93. 34 v.

Discontinued.

Obsolete index to common law and chancery files, showing file number, names of parties, and date of term. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 30 p. 8 x 5 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

184. PLAINTIFF'S, DEFENDANT'S INDEX, 1858-64. 2 v. (1 plaintiff; 1 defendant). Discontinued.

Obsolete index to circuit court cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, record book and page of entry, dates of term and judgment, certificate of levy, sale, and redemption, satisfaction, and number of case. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Strm., bsmt.

185. COURT RECORD, 1821--. 23 v. (1, 2 not labeled, B-G, 8-10, K-U).

Record of common law, criminal and chancery cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, type of case, proceedings, and court orders. Criminal Record kept separately, 1870--, entry 188; Chancery Records kept separately, 1838--, entry 186. Arr. chron. 1821-42, no index; 1843--, indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; for discontinued index, 1858-64, see entry 184. Hdw. 300 p., 580 p.; 13 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$, 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. 1 v. not labeled, 1839-42, strm., bsmt.; 1, 1821-35, 1 v. not labeled, 1836-38, 8-10, B-G, K-U, 1843--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

186. CHANCERY RECORDS, 1838--. 42 v. (1 v. not labeled, 1838-55; A, D, E, G, 1839-67; 4-56 not consecutive, 1839--). 1821-37 in Court Record, entry 185.

Record of chancery cases, including petitions, foreclosures, executions of mortgage, assignments of dower, creditors' bills, decrees, complaints, court orders, masters' reports, trustees' reports, and divorces. Also contains Partition Record, 1838-91, entry 187. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; for sep. index, 1839--, see entry 181. 1838-84, hdw.; 1885-1906, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1907--, typed. 598 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

187. PARTITION RECORD, 1892--. 12 v. (19-45 not consecutive).

1838-91 in Chancery Records, entry 186.

Record of partition cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and solicitor, description of property, order of court, and date filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; for sep. index, see entry 181. 1892-1905, hdw.; 1906--, typed. 575 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

188. CRIMINAL RECORD, 1870--. 7 v. (1-7). 1821-69 in Court Record, entry 185.

Daily records of cases in circuit court, showing name of case, date filed, affidavit of complaint, warrant for arrest, transcript of minutes of case. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant; for sep. index, see entry 181. Hdw. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

189. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1890--. 2 v. (2, 3).

Transcribed copies of indictments issued by grand jury, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, charge, statement of true bills as found by jury, and evidence of witnesses. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant; for sep. index, see entry 181. 1890-1922, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1923--, typed. 330 p. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

190. INDEX TO JUDGMENT RECORDS (and Docket), 1897--. 1 v.
Index to judgment records and docket, showing names of parties, book and page of record or docket, and dates of judgment and satisfaction. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

191. CONFESSION RECORD, 1892--. 3 v. (B, 6, 7).
Copies of judgment by confession in circuit court, showing judicial circuit number, date, term of court, names of judge, clerk, state's attorney, sheriff, plaintiff, and defendant, action, and judgment of case. Also contains Default Record, 1919--, entry 192. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; for sep. index, 1897--, see entry 190. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

192. DEFAULT RECORD, 1859-1918. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1859-1916; 1, 2, 1870-1918). 1919-- in Confession Record, entry 191.
Title varies: Court Record.
Record of default cases, showing names of judge, sheriff, clerk, plaintiff, and defendant, nature of charge or complaint, date of failure to appear, and amount of damages. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; for sep. index, 1897-1918, see entry 190. Hdw. on pr. fm. 592 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

193. REAL ESTATE RECORD, 1854-62. 1 v. Discontinued.
Circuit court proceedings relative to estates in chancery, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, legal description of property, date and amount of sale, and court orders. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 635 p. 17 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Transcripts

194. TRANSCRIPT RECORD (Justice of the Peace), 1845--. 8 v.
(1 not numbered, 2-8). Missing: 1855.
Transcript record of justice of the peace court cases, showing names of parties, date of summons, and appearance, nature of charge, action, amount of court costs, and constable fees. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. 1845-88, hdw.; 1889--, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1886--, hdw. and typed. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 v. not numbered, 1845-54, strm., bsmt.; v. 2-8, 1856--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

195. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE RECOGNIZANCE RECORD, 1884-91. 1 v.
Discontinued.
Transcript of bonds presented in justice of the peace courts, showing names of justice of the peace, judge, clerk, state's attorney, plaintiff, and defendant, term and amount of bond, names of bondsmen, and date and place of appearance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 295 p. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Dockets

196. JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1839--. 173 v. (166 v. not numbered, 1839--; 7-10, 16, 77, 95, 1859-1917).
Docket of criminal, common law, and chancery cases showing case number, names of attorneys, plaintiffs, and defendants, kind of action, term of court, and docket entries. Also contains Naturalization Docket, 1891--, entry 226. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p. 18 x 12 x 1. 163 v. not numbered, 1839-1918, v. 7-10, 1859-65, and v. 16, 1905-17, strm., bsmt.; v. 95, 1897, v. 77, 1916, and 3 v. not numbered, 1904--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
197. CLERK'S DOCKET, 1841--. 102 v.
Clerk's docket of criminal, common law, and chancery cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date, case number, action, and orders of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 116 p. 18 x 12 x 1. 100 v., 1841-1928, strm., bsmt.; 2 v., 1929--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
198. TRANSFER BINDER, COMMON LAW, 1919--. 2 v.
Transfer docket of completed common law cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date, action of case, term, and orders of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
199. TRANSFER BINDER, CHANCERY, 1919--. 3 v. (2 not numbered, 1919--; 2, 1926-33).
Transfer docket of completed chancery cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, date, term and order of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 1000 p. 14 x 12 x 5. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
200. TRANSFER BINDER (Criminal), 1917--. 1 v.
Transfer docket of completed criminal cases of circuit court, showing names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, action, dates, minutes, and order of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 430 p. 13 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
201. JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION DOCKET, 1881--. 4 v. (6-9).
Judgment and execution docket showing case number, names of parties, nature of judgment or decree, against whom entered, amount of debt, damages and costs, dates of execution and return, action, to whom delivered, and remarks. Prior Judgment and Execution Dockets kept separately, entries 202, 203. 1881-96, arr. alph. by name of party against whom judgment is entered; 1897--, arr. chron. 1881-96, no index; 1897--, for index, see entry 190. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 318 p. 13 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.
202. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1835-85. 5 v. (1-5). 1881-- also in Judgment and Execution Docket, entry 201.
Judgment docket showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, kind of action, amount of debt, damages, and costs, and general remarks. Also contains Execution Docket for year 1835, entry 203. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

203. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1836-86. 6 v. (3 not numbered, 2, 4, 6).
1835 in Judgment Docket, entry 202; 1881-- also in Judgment
and Execution Docket, entry 201.

Execution docket showing execution number, names of plaintiff and defendant, date of judgment, amount, to whom directed, dates delivered and returned, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. No index. 1836-52, hdw.; 1853-86, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 650 p. 18 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 v. not numbered, 1836-52, strm., bsmt.; v. 2, 4, 6, 1853-86, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

204. LIEN INDEX (Docket), 1888--. 1 v.

Docket and index of liens, showing by whom filed and date, amount of lien, name of person against whom lien is filed, legal description of property, by whom satisfied, and date. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom lien is filed. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

205. GENERAL DOCKET, 1883-88. 1 v. Discontinued.

General docket of common law and criminal cases, showing date commenced or entered, whole and term number, names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant, court of appeal, action, process, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 14 x 13 x 3. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Fee Books

206. FEE BOOK (Chancery, Common Law, and Criminal), 1826--. 27 v.
(2 not numbered, 1826-40; 3, 1840-42; 11 not numbered, 1847-1904;
5, 6, 8-10, 12-15, 17-20, 1842--).

Record of fees received in chancery, common law and criminal cases, and for miscellaneous services, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, type of case, date, costs, fees, and total amount collected. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. 1826-68, hdw.; 1869--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p., 580 p.; 13 x 10 x 1, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3. 13 v. not numbered, 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 12-15, 1826-1916, strm., bsmt.; v. 17-20, 1917--, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For office register and ledger of fees, see entries 227, 228.

207. REGISTER OF FEES RECEIVED, 1897-1916. 1 v. Discontinued.

Transcript of circuit clerk's semiannual reports to county clerk of receipts and expenditures, showing date, from whom received, title of cause, fees received for recording and miscellaneous court costs and amount received from earnings previously reported. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 1. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Reports to Court

208. (REPORTS OF STATE'S ATTORNEY), 1893--. 1 v.

State's attorney's reports to circuit court, showing number, names of defendant and court, type of case, amounts of fees, fines and forfeitures, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other state's attorney's records, see entries 237, 238.

209. INQUISITION PAPERS OF CORONER, 1927--. 3 f.b.
Coroner's inquisition papers returned to circuit court, showing names of coroner, jurymen and witnesses, date of inquisition, testimony of witnesses, and verdict of coroner's jury. Arr. chron. No index. 6 x 5 x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

For other records of coroner, see entries 234-236.

210. TRUSTEES' RECORD, 1928--. 1 v.
Reports to circuit court, of trustees of estates, showing names of deceased, and trustees, date of affidavit, inventory of estate, and court orders. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of trustee. Typed. 220 p. $18\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

211. MASTER IN CHANCERY RECORD (Reports), 1893-94. 1 v. Discontinued.
Master in chancery reports, showing name of defendant, legal description of property, amount of mortgage, date and amount of sale, and amount of tax due. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 300 p. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.
For similar records, see entry 95.

212. MASTER'S SALE BOOK, 1893-1905. 4 v. Discontinued.
Master in chancery record of costs of sales of real estate to satisfy judgment and foreclosures in circuit court, showing name of purchaser, amount paid, legal description of property, date of sale, and amount of costs. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 215 p. 8 x 6 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Jury Records

(See also entries 4, 13, 14.)

213. REGISTER OF JURORS' CERTIFICATES, 1894--. 2 v. (4, 1 not numbered).
Register of jurors and jurors' certificates, showing certificate number, name and address of juror, date issued, days served, miles traveled, and amount paid. Arr. by certificate no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

214. LIST OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS, 1909--. 1 v.
List of persons serving on grand and petit juries, showing name and address of juror, term, and date. Arr. alph. by name of juror. No index. Hdw. 240 p. 14 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

215. VENIRE FOR JURY, 1918-26. 1 f.b.
1819-1917, 1927-- in Circuit Court Files, entry 182.
Venire for jury, showing names of persons drawn, residence, mileage, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Bonds

216. RECOGNIZANCES AND REPLEVIN RECORDS, 1870--. 2 v. (A, B).
Copies of recognizance bonds, showing names of judges, clerk, sheriff, state's attorney, and defendant, indictment, bond for personal appearance, names of defendant and bondsmen, amount of bond, date, and place of appearance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 p. 18 x 3 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

217. MISCELLANEOUS BONDS, 1909--. 1 f.b. Prior bonds destroyed. Miscellaneous bonds showing names of bondsmen and principal, date, amount, expiration and conditions of bond, and date filed. Also contains Appeal Bonds, 1909-17, entry 219; Bonds of Trustees, 1909-29, entry 220; and Bonds of Receivers, 1909-32, entry 221. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

218. ATTACHMENT BONDS, 1910--. 1 f.b. Attachment bonds showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and bondsmen, amount, date, and terms of bond. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

219. APPEAL BONDS, 1918--. 2 f.b. 1909-17 in Miscellaneous Bonds, entry 217. Appeal bonds showing names of appellant and bondsmen, amount and terms of bond, dates of filing, appearance, and expiration. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

220. BONDS OF TRUSTEES, 1930--. 1 f.b. 1909-29 in Miscellaneous Bonds, entry 217. Original bonds of trustees, showing names of trustee and bondsmen, amount, date, and terms of bond. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

221. BONDS OF RECEIVERS, 1933--. 2 f.b. 1909-32 in Miscellaneous Bonds, entry 217. Bonds of receivers, showing names of receiver and bondsman, amount of bond, date, conditions of bond, and date of expiration. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x 10. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

222. SHERIFF'S RECOGNIZANCES, 1909-27. 2 f.b. 1819-1908, 1928-- in Circuit Court Files, entry 182. Sheriff's recognizance bonds, showing names of sheriff, judge, defendant, and bondsman, amount of bond, date, and place of appearance. Arr. chron. No index. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $9\frac{1}{2}$. 1 f.b., 1909-25, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; 1 f.b., 1926-27, cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Probation

223. PROBATION RECORD, 1916--. 1 v. Probation case record of circuit court, showing name, color, nationality, birthplace and age of prisoner, marital status, length of residence in county, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, names and address of father and mother, dates of term, admission to probation and disposition of case, remarks, and history of probationer. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of prisoner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 15 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Naturalization
(See also entry 139.)

224. NATURALIZATION RECORD (First Papers), 1851--. 3 v.
Declaration of intentions, showing name and address of alien, oath re-
nouncing allegiance to any foreign power, place and date of birth, nation-
ality, dates of application and oath, and signature of circuit clerk.
Arr. by certificate no. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm.
658 p. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

225. NATURALIZATION RECORD (Final), 1851--. 4 v. (1 not labeled,
A, 2, 1 not labeled).
Record of naturalization certificates, showing name and address of alien,
date of oath of allegiance, names of witnesses, date of issue, and
signature of circuit clerk. Arr. by certificate no. Indexed alph. by
name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 408 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off.,
1st fl.

226. NATURALIZATION DOCKET, 1870-90. 1 v. 1891-- in Judge's Docket,
entry 196.
Naturalization docket, showing name and address of petitioner, and date
and order granting certificate of naturalization. Arr. chron. No index.
Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 129 p. 16 x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

Office Transactions

Receipts and
Expenditures

227. FEE BOOK (Register), 1876--. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1). 1821-73
in Entry Book, entry 73. Title varies: Register of Fees Earned,
Received and Disbursed.
Register of receipts and disbursements of circuit clerk and recorder,
showing date, from whom received, service, amount of recording fees,
miscellaneous fees, court costs earned and received, marginal returns,
witness fees and sheriff's fees received, judgment received, and remarks;
also showing disbursements, date, to whom and for what service paid.
Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p., 386 p.; $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 18 x $1\frac{1}{2}$,
 14 x 10 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 1 v. not numbered, 1876-1926, strm., bsmt.; v. 1, 1927--,
cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

228. LEDGER, 1826-1902. 4 v. Discontinued.
Ledger accounts of fees and costs, showing name of account, amounts re-
ceived and paid, from whom received, to whom paid, and date. Arr. chron.
No index. Hdw. 100 p., 250 p.; 14 x 9 x 1, 14 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Court Business

229. (WITNESS CERTIFICATES), 1931--. 1 v. Prior records destroyed
after audit is made.
Certificates of witnesses in circuit court cases, showing names of wit-
nesses, testimony, name and date of case, and date disposed of. Arr.
chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Cir. clk.'s
off., 1st fl.

VII. PROBATION OFFICER

The office of probation officer for adult probationers was first established in Pike County in 1911. In accordance with the legislation of that year,¹ courts exercising criminal or quasi-criminal jurisdiction are given power to deal with adult or juvenile offenders of specified offenses. In the performance of his prescribed duties, the probation officer serves both the county and circuit courts, although appointed by the latter. He is required to give bond as determined by the circuit court in a sum not exceeding \$5,000 and is subject to the rules of and removal by the appointing court. Pike County has one probation officer under the legal allowance of one for each 50,000, or fraction thereof, of population.

The probation officer is compensated at a rate determined by the county board of supervisors. In the performance of his duties, he is required to: investigate cases of defendants requesting probation; notify the court of previous conviction or probation; make reports to the respective courts; keep a set of records as described below; and take charge of and watch over all persons placed on probation, and probationers moving from another county into his county.

The reports made by the probation officer to the courts are kept by the clerk of the court trying the case. The courts' probation records include orders granting or refusing release on probation, probationers' bonds, the reports of probation officers noted above, and discharge of probationers.

The probation officer is required to keep complete and accurate records of investigated cases, including description of the investigated persons, the action of the court, and the subsequent history of probationers. These are private records, open to inspection only by a judge or by any probation officer pursuant to a court order, and may not be examined by the public.³ Consequently they were not surveyed by the current historical records study.

For county court probation records, see entry 136; for circuit court probation records, see entry 223.

1. L.1911, P. 280,281.

2. L.1911, P. 281,282; L.1915, P. 381,382.

3. L.1911, P. 277-84; L.1915, P. 378-84.

VIII. SHERIFF

The sheriff by constitutional provision, has¹ been an elected officer since Illinois was admitted to statehood. The term of his office originally set at two years is now four years. Bond in Pike County is required in the sum of \$10,000. One or more deputy sheriffs are appointed by the sheriff, in accordance with the number allowed by rule of the circuit court.²

Essentially without change for over one hundred years, the principal duties of the sheriff are:

1. Acting as conservator of peace, with power to arrest offenders on view.
2. Attending in person or deputy, all courts of record in the county and obeying the orders and direction of the court. These courts are the city, county and probate courts, and sittings of the circuit and appellate courts.
3. Serving, executing, and returning all writs, warrants, processes, orders, and decrees legally directed to him.
4. Selling real and personal property by virtue of execution or other process.
5. Having the custody and care of the courthouse and jail of the county.

In the course of the multiple detailed duties included in these broad provisions, the following records occur:

1. Data of identification, criminal and stolen property.
2. Calendar of commitments to jail.

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1. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. III, SEC. 11; CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. VII, SEC. 7; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8; SECOND AMENDMENT, NOVEMBER 22, 1880, TO THE CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8; L. 1819, P. 110; R.S. 1874, P. 989.
 2. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 9; R.S. 1874, P. 990. COMPARE: R.L. 1827, P. 373.
 3. L. 1819, P. 111, 112, 160-62, 314-17, 332, 333; L. 1821, P. 37, 63, 64; R.L. 1827, P. 247, 311, 344, 372, 373; R.L. 1829, P. 121; L. 1831, P. 103, 104, 106; R.L. 1833, P. 574, 575; L. 1832, P. 10, 12-14; L. 1845, P. 10, 12; R.S. 1845, P. 133, 134, 515-17; L. 1849, P. 66; R.S. 1874, P. 339, 989-91; L. 1877, P. 69, 79; L. 1881, P. 64; L. 1901, P. 136; L. 1905, P. 146; L. 1933, P. 458, 765. THE CITATIONS INCLUDE REFERENCES TO DUTIES WHICH EXCEED THE GENERAL OUTLINE NOTED.

3. Receipts of delivery of prisoner in changes of venue.
4. Docket of executions.
5. "Books of Accounts." Include fees and disbursements required to be recorded by all county officers paid in whole or part by fees.
6. Copies of reports to county and circuit courts and county board.

For sheriff's certificates of levy, sale, and attachment, see entries 96, 97; for sheriff's recognizances, see entry 222.

230. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1884--. 4 v.

(1, 2, 2 not numbered).

Execution docket showing docket number, names of plaintiff and defendant, dates of judgment, writ, and return, and amount of damages, costs, interest, sheriff's fees, and returns. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. V. 1, 2, 1884-1910, strm., bsmt.; 2 v. not numbered, 1911--, sh.'s off., 1st fl., co. jail bldg.

231. MAP OF PIKE COUNTY, no date. 1 map.

Physical map of Pike County, showing public highways, railroads, county roads, churches, schoolhouses, towns and villages, rivers and streams, school district numbers, and county and township lines. Artist, G. F. Cram; publisher, A. C. Hornburg, Pittsfield, Illinois. Black and white. 15/16 in. to 1 mi. 36 x 40. Sh.'s off., 1st fl., co. jail bldg.

232. PROCESS DOCKET, 1886--. 10 v. (1-3, 7 not numbered).

Sheriff's process docket showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, action, court of issue, dates of receipt, service and return, by whom served, sheriff's fees received, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 16 x 12 x 2. V. 1-3, 4 v. not numbered, 1886-1923, strm., bsmt.; 3 v. not numbered, 1924--, sh.'s off., 1st fl., co. jail bldg.

233. JAIL REGISTER, 1872--. 3 v.

Register of prisoners in jail, showing register number, name, sex, age, color, occupation, civil condition, birthplace, parentage, residence, education, and health habits of prisoner, offense, dates of sentence and committal, number of convictions, date and how discharged, and remarks. Arr. by register no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 17 x 15 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 v., 1872-1909, strm., bsmt.; 2 v., 1910--, sh.'s off., 1st fl., co. jail bldg.

1. L. 1812, P. 201, 317; L. 1821, P. 182; R. L. 1827, P. 249, 273; L. 1845, P. 11; S. S. 1845, P. 305; R. S. 1874, P. 566, 291, 992, 1096; L. 1907, P. 316-19; L. 1909, P. 301; L. 1921, P. 500; L. 1922, P. 424; L. 1922, P. 649; L. 1931, P. 465; L. 1933, P. 187-90.

IX. CORONER

The office of coroner in Illinois counties was originally established by constitutional provision in 1818.¹ The Illinois laws require the coroner to act as a conservator of the peace, with powers equal to the sheriff's in that respect, serve as a ministerial officer of the courts in the absence or disqualification of the sheriff, and perform all the duties of the latter when the office is vacant.² In practice these duties are far less significant than the inquest function, the principal statutory duty of the coroner. Basically that procedure has hardly changed since a time antecedent to the formation of Pike County; the coroner when informed of a death resulting or appearing to have resulted from violence or casualty, summons a jury to inquire into the manner of death and its cause.³

To the custody of the clerk of the circuit court are returned the verdict of the jury, and such recognizances as may be given the coroner by witnesses whose testimony implicates any person as the unlawful slayer of the deceased.⁴ In his own office the coroner files and preserves the record of such testimony.⁵ Additionally the coroner keeps one record which he himself originates, the "inquest record." This record recapitulates all the data involved in the entire inquest procedure and includes an inventory and accounting of the personal property and money of the deceased.⁶

For coroner's reports to circuit court, see entry 209.

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1. UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF 1818, THE TENURE OF OFFICE WAS SET FOR TWO YEARS; THE TERM WAS EXTENDED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF 1870 TO FOUR YEARS. CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. III, SEC. 11; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8.
 2. L.1812, P. 111,160; L.1821, P. 20-22; L.1825, P. 65,64; R.L.1827, P. 246-50,372,373,375; R.S.1845, P. 515-17; R.S.1874, P. 281,282. THE OFFICE IS CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTIVE (CONSTITUTION OF 1818, ART. III, SEC. 11; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8) AND THE TERM, FORMERLY TWO YEARS, IS NOW FOUR YEARS (SECOND AMENDMENT, NOVEMBER 22, 1880, TO CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8).
 3. L.1821, P. 22-24; R.S.1845, P. 517,518; R.S.1874, P. 282-84; L.1872, P. 82; L.1907, P. 213; L.1912, P. 403; L.1931, P. 388.
 4. L.1821, P. 24,25; R.S.1845, P. 518; R.S.1874, P. 284,285.
 5. L.1821, P. 25; R.S.1845, P. 518; L.1862, P. 104; R.S.1874, P. 285; L.1907, P. 213; L.1912, P. 293.
 6. L.1821, P. 26; L.1850, P. 104; R.S.1874, P. 285, 286.

234. CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1928--. 1 bdl. Prior records destroyed. Coroner's inquisitions showing names of deceased, jurors, witnesses, and coroner, dates of death and inquest, description of body, cause of death, and verdict of jury. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 3 x 4 x 8. Cor.'s off., Zimmerman Bldg., 101 North Jackson Street, Pittsfield, Illinois.

235. CORONER'S RECORD, 1878--. 4 v. (A, 1-3). Coroner's record showing names of deceased, jurors, witnesses, and coroner, residence, occupation, and description of deceased, inventory and disposition of personal effects, verdict of jury, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on pr. fm. 235 p. 18 x 13 x 2. V. A, 1, 1878-1910, strm., bsmt.; v. 2, 1911-28, cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.; v. 3, 1929--, cor.'s off., Zimmerman Bldg., 101 North Jackson Street, Pittsfield, Illinois.

236. CORONER'S DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1912-17. 1 v. 1878-1911, 1918-- in Certificates of Death, entry 41. Transcribed copies of coroner's death certificates, showing full name and address of deceased, personal and statistical particulars, place and date of burial, name of undertaker, and coroner's certification of death. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

X. STATE'S ATTORNEY

The duties of the state's attorney were originally performed in Pike County by a circuit attorney who attended in each county of the judicial district of which Pike was a part. His duties were to commence and prosecute in courts of record all actions in which the people of the state or any county within the judicial district were concerned.¹

The circuit attorney serving Pike County was first appointed by the governor.² In 1835, fourteen years after Pike was established, he became an elected officer of the General Assembly.³ This provision also, remained effective for a fourteen-year period, as in 1849 the circuit attorney became an elected officer of the electorate of the judicial district.⁴ At the same time his services expanded to include the newly-created county court. Finally, the present Constitution of 1870 made the office an elective one in and for each county.⁵ The state's attorney

1. L. 1819, P. 178, 204; R. L. 1827, P. 79; R. L. 1833, P. 98.

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3. L. 1835, P. 44; R. S. 1845, P. 76.

4. CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 21, 28.

5. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. VI, SEC. 22; L. 1871-72, P. 189; R. S. 1874, P. 172.

four-year term has remained the same from the creation of his office until the present.¹ In each instance of appointment and election he has been commissioned by the governor.

The duties of this office are:

1. To commence and prosecute all actions, suits, indictments and prosecutions, civil or criminal, in any court of record in his county, in which the people of the state or county may be concerned.
2. To prosecute all forfeited bonds and recognizances and all actions and proceedings for the recovery of debts, revenues, moneys, fines, penalties, and forfeitures accruing to the state or his county, or to any school district in his county; also to prosecute all suits in his county against railroads or transportation companies, which may be prosecuted in the name of the people of the State of Illinois.
3. To commence and prosecute all actions and proceedings brought up by any county officer in his official capacity.
4. To defend all actions and proceedings brought against his county, or against any county or state officer in his official capacity, within his county.
5. To attend the examination of all persons brought before any judge on habeas corpus, where the prosecution is in his county.
6. To attend before justices of the peace and prosecute charges of felony or misdemeanor for which the offender is required to be recognized and to appear before a court of record, when in his power to do so.
7. To give his opinion, without fee or reward, to any county officer and to justices of the peace in his county, upon any question of law relating to any criminal or other matter, in which the people or the county may be concerned.
8. To assist the attorney general whenever it may be necessary, and in cases of appeal or writ of error from his county to the supreme court, to which it is the duty of the attorney general to attend, he shall, a reasonable time before the trial of such appeal or writ of error, furnish the attorney general with a brief, showing the nature of the case and the questions involved.
9. To pay all moneys received by him in trust, without delay, to the officer who by law is entitled to the custody thereof.

1. R.L. 1827, P. 79; R.L. 1833, P. 98; CONSTITUTION OF 1848, ART. V, SEC. 21; CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. VI, SEC. 22.

10. To perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be enjoined on him by law.
11. To appear in all proceedings by collectors of taxes against delinquent taxpayers for judgment to sell real estate, and see that all the necessary preliminary steps have been legally taken to make the judgment legal and binding.¹
12. To enforce the collection of all fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed or incurred in courts of record in his county. The state's attorney reports on the collection of these moneys to the circuit court.²

For state's attorney's reports to the circuit court, see entry 208.

237. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DOCKET, 1924--. 1 v.

Docket of state's attorney, showing names of court, plaintiff, defendant and attorneys, type of case, attorneys fees, date set for hearing, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 10 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. State's atty.'s off., 2nd fl.

238. PEOPLES' CASES, 1932--. 4 f.b.

State's attorney's file of documents in peoples' cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and court, type of case, and proceedings and disposition of case. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm., interspersed. 12 x 18 x 32. State's atty.'s off., 2nd fl.

XI. SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

The assessment function in Illinois counties has been controlled by various statutory provisions. Early laws fixed the value of the several categories of real and personal property, leaving to the assessing officer only limited discretion. Principally, the assessors annually revise the assessment of property and correct the same upon complaint and quadrennially assess real and personal property.

1. R.S. 1845, P. 78; R.S. 1874, P. 172.

2. L. 1902, P. 342; L. 1911-12, P. 88; L. 1922, P. 474.

The original provision for assessments delegated this function to a treasurer appointed by the county commissioners' court (the county board) to serve as ex-officio assessor.¹ In 1839 provision was made for the appointment of one or more assessors by the said commissioners' court.² Two years later the court was allowed to appoint but one assessor for the county.³ Then in 1843, the elected county treasurer became ex-officio assessor.⁴ After the election of the township organization plan in Pike County in 1849 which became effective in 1850, until the present day, the elected township assessors have been responsible for the county assessments in their respective townships. From 1850 until 1893 the township assessors reported their assessments to the county clerk. Then for the period 1893 to 1898 the elected township boards of assessors made the assessment reports to the clerk. Finally, in 1898 the legislature created the ex-officio office of supervisor of assessments, filled by the county treasurer.⁵ This latter provision remains in effect today.

The supervisor of assessments functions primarily in a supervisory capacity over township assessors who make their reports to him. The records of his office are mainly the original schedules of the different categories of assessed property and upon which he reports in other form to the county clerk. Provision is made in only a few cases for the permanent custody of these records in this office.⁶

For other taxation records, see entries 15-35, 245-259.

239. SCHEDULES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXABLE PURPOSES, 1934--.
57 f.b.

Lists of schedules of personal property for taxable purposes in the county's twenty-four townships, showing in whose name assessed, description of property, equalized value by state and county board, distribution of tax, assessed value, and total tax. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

240. TAX LEVIES OF TOWNS OF PIKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, 1895-1905.
11 f.b.

Assessors' lists of taxes showing date, amount, rate, and kind and purpose of tax. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Strm., bsmt.

1. L.1819, P. 515,319; L.1825, P. 173.

2. L.1832, P. 4.

3. L.1841, P. 34.

4. L.1843, P. 231.

5. L.1893, P. 73,74; L.1898, P. 37; L.1903, P. 295,296; L.1923, P. 492; L.1932, P. 66.

6. L.1872, P. 16; L.1898, P. 50; L.1915, P. 568.

241. CARD INDEX, 1935--. 24 f.b.
Card index to taxpayers, showing name, address, and legal description of property. Arr. alph. by township. $6\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x $16\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

242. RECORD OF MONEY LOANED AND CREDITS OWNED BY TAXPAYERS, 1880--.
1 v. (2). Last entry 1907.
List of loans made by taxpayers, allowed as deductions on personal property assessments, showing date, names of debtors, nature of debt, amount, rate of interest, recapitulation, total, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of debtor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 17 x 15 x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

XII. BOARD OF REVIEW

The duties of the board of review are essentially to assess, equalize, review or revise the assessment of property. The function of the board of review prior to 1898, was performed by the county board and town boards of review. Early legislation provided for appeals from assessments to the county board.¹ The board was granted power to review and revise the assessments of real and personal property.

The legislature in 1871, provided that town boards could annually revise the assessment of towns. The county board in accordance with the same legislation met annually to:

1. Assess omitted property.
2. Review assessments upon complaint.
3. Hear and determine the application of any person assessed on property claimed to be exempt from taxation.
4. Ascertain whether the valuations in one town or district bear just relation to all the towns or districts in the county.²

In 1898, this authority was transferred to the newly-created board of review.³ The board of review was composed of the chairman of the county board who was ex-officio chairman of the board of review, and the county clerk, and a citizen appointed by the judge.⁴ Since 1923, the board has consisted of the chairman of the county board as ex-officio

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1. APPEALS WERE MADE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT: L. 1832, P. 7; L. 1842, P. 239; L. 1845, P. 8; R. L. 1845, P. 441. THEN FROM 1849 TO 1898, THE APPEALS WERE TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; L. 1849, P. 207, 208; L. 1871, P. 22.
 2. L. 1871, P. 23.
 3. L. 1898, P. 54; L. 1923, P. 496; L. 1922, P. 75.
 4. L. 1898, P. 54.

chairman of the board of review, and two citizens appointed by the county judge. The members of the board select their own clerk.¹ The two citizen members of the board are appointed alternately for a two-year term. The board may reduce or increase the entire assessment of property.

For other taxation records, see entries 15-35, 241-259.

243. COMPLAINT DOCKET BOARD OF REVIEW, 1899--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Missing: 1916-32.

Complaint docket of board of review, showing number of complaint, when presented, name of complainant, town in which property is assessed, property mentioned or described in complaint, value by assessor, full value as alleged by complainant, cause of complaint, findings, and orders of board of review. Arr. chron. No index. 1899-1915, hdw. under pr. hdgs.; 1935--, hdw. 150 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

244. BOARD OF REVIEW RECORD, 1899--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Transcripts of minutes of board of review meetings, showing names of complainant and board members, date of meeting, proceedings in complaint cases, and orders of the board. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of complainant. Hdw. 300 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

XIII. COUNTY COLLECTOR

The collection duties were originally performed in Pike County by the sheriff in his ex-officio capacity as county collector until 1839.² In this year the legislature provided for the appointment of the county collector by the county commissioners' court. In 1843 the sheriff again became ex-officio county collector until the acceptance of the township plan in 1850.³ Under this plan the county treasurer became, and has remained until the present, the collector of taxes in his county. In larger counties town collectors are elected who are responsible to the county collector. In Pike County, however, the county collector is ex-officio town collector for each town in his county.⁴

1. L. 1923, P. 496, 497.

2. L. 1832, P. 7.

3. L. 1843, P. 234.

4. L. 1933, P. 1115.

The principal function of this office is the collection of state, county, and other public corporation taxes as provided by law. The books used by the collector in effecting this procedure are prepared by the county clerk on the basis of the assessment and levy of taxes. The county clerk keeps an account with the collector charging him with the amount of the county tax placed in his hands for collection, and with the amount received by him from tax sales and redemptions. The county collector reports on the payment of taxes and the failure thereof to the county clerk and settles annually with the county board of supervisors. Also, the collector annually pays into the state treasury the collected taxes payable to the state treasury.¹

The county collector is required by statute to keep his records as collector of taxes separate from his records as county treasurer.² The records of the collector's office are principally collector's books; duplicates of the receipts issued to taxpayers; state auditor's and county clerk's certificates of the county collector's settlement with them, and duplicates of the collector's reports to the county clerk.³

For other taxation records, see entries 15-35, 239-244.

Assessment, Objections

245. COUNTY COLLECTOR'S ERRORS AND INSOLVENCY RECORD, 1916--.

2 v. (1, 1 not numbered). 1850-1915 in Collector's Books, entry 25.

County collector's record of errors and insolvencies, showing page and line number, name of owner, legal description of property, equalized value of state board, school district number, tax spread, costs, interest, penalties, total amount of taxes due, date, and amount paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 261 p. 17 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

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1. L.1812, P. 317; R.L.1827, P. 373; L.1839, P. 8-12; L.1840, P. 3; L.1845, P. 9,11; L.1853, P. 66,77,111; L.1871-72, P. 32; L.1873-74, P. 51; L.1911, P. 485; L.1917, P. 664; L.1919, P. 765; L.1930, SP. SESS., P. 59; L.1931, P. 747; L.1933, P. 930; R.L.1935, P. 1149.
 2. L.1917, P. 664; L.1930, SP. SESS., P. 59; R.L.1935, P. 1140.
 3. L.1812, P. 317; R.L.1827, P. 373; L.1839, P. 8-12; L.1840, P. 3; L.1845, P. 9,11; L.1853, P. 66,77,111; L.1871-72, P. 32; L.1873-74, P. 51; L.1911, P. 485; L.1917, P. 664; L.1919, P. 765; L.1930, SP. SESS., P. 59; L.1931, P. 747; L.1933, P. 930; R.L.1935, P. 1149.

246. ERRORS AND INSOLVENCIES, 1930--. 1 f.b.

File papers of errors and insolvencies in taxes levied in the townships of Pike County, showing in whose name assessed, location and description of property, distribution of tax, equalized value by state and county boards, costs, interest, total amount of taxes due, and amount and date paid county collector. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

247. COLLECTOR'S CREDITS, 1862-1906. 7 f.b.

Statements of railroad property assessments, collector's credits, and auditors' levies; also contains old cancelled county orders and jury certificates. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 5 x $9\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Collection, Settlement

248. SETTLEMENT OF TOWN OFFICERS, 1862--. 22 v. (A-D, 1862-1905; 3 not lettered, 1879-95; 3 not lettered, 1894-1920; 12 not lettered, 1918--). Title varies: Collector's Account with Township; County Collector's Cash Book; Treasurer's Account with Towns.

Collector's accounts with townships, of tax collections, showing tax spread, amount delinquent, errors, collectors' commissions, total amount delinquent, and total amount collected. Arr. chron. 1862-1905, indexed alph. by name of twp.; 1879--, no index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p., 400 p.; 17 x 14 x 1, 16 x 12 x $3\frac{1}{2}$. V. A-D, 1862-1905, 3 v. not lettered, 1879-95, and 7 v. not lettered, 1918-21, strm., bsmt.; 3 v. not lettered, 1894-1920, 5 v. not lettered, 1922--, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

249. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, 1911--. 7 v., 25 f.b. (7 v., 1911-14; 25 f.b., 1915--). Title varies: Collector's Receipts (Duplicates); Tax Receipts (Duplicates).

Duplicate receipts for taxes received by county collector, showing receipt number, in whose name assessed, legal description of property, amount, date, and by whom paid. Also contains Personal Property Tax Receipts, 1911-34, entry 250. Arr. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. V. 100 p. 14 x 16 x 1; f.b. 16 x 11 x 26, 14 x 24 x 36. 7 v., 1911-14, 1 f.b., 1915-33, strm., bsmt.; 24 f.b., 1934--, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

250. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 3 f.b. 1911-34 in Duplicate Tax Receipts, entry 249.

Duplicate tax receipts covering personal property tax, showing receipt number, name of taxpayer, amount of tax due, description of property, date, amount, and by whom paid. Arr. by receipt no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x $18\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

251. PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS, 1935--. 29 v.

Treasurer's personal property tax receipts, showing name of owner, description of property, amount of tax, date, and by whom paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 94 p. 7 x $17\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

252. REAL ESTATE RECEIPTS, 1935--. 89 v.

Collector's real estate tax receipts, showing name and address of taxpayer, legal description of property, amount of tax, date due, and date and by whom paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 7 x 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

253. COUNTY COLLECTOR'S TAX RECEIPT STUBS, 1893-1912. 57 v. Discontinued. Tax receipt stubs showing name of taxpayer, location and legal description of property, date and amount paid, and by whom. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 50 p. 8 x 6 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

254. MEMORANDA TAXES, 1877. 1 v.

Collector's record of township collectors' memoranda of tax collections for year, credited to the various tax units such as state, county, road and bridge, and school tax. Entries not completed. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 225 p. 16 x 11 x 2. Strm., bsmt.

Delinquent Tax, Abatement

255. DELINQUENTS, 1928--. 1 f.b.

Delinquent tax lists of McGee Creek, Valley City, and Pittsfield, showing name of assessed, legal description of property, distribution of taxes, equalized value, amount paid, and delinquent assessments. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

256. (FORFEITED PROPERTY AND DELINQUENT TAXES), 1931--. In
Miscellaneous Papers, entry 270.

Lists of forfeited property and delinquent taxes.

257. (COLLECTOR'S STATEMENT OF TOWNSHIPS REDEEMED LISTS), 1933--. 1 v.

Record of property redeemed, showing amount of taxes, abatement for delinquent personal property tax, errors in assessment, extension fees, treasurer's commission, amount received, town tax, year, and name of township and signature of supervisor. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 p. 12 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

258. (ERRORS AND CORRECTIONS, FORFEITURE AND ABATEMENT RECORD),
1933--. 1 v.

Statement of errors and corrections of real estate taxes, with forfeiture of collection fees, and statement of abatement of personal property taxes, showing in whose name assessed, page and line of entry, legal description, assessed valuation, equalization by board of review, tax spread, and total tax. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 350 p. 12 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Special Assessments
(See also entry 28.)

259. TAX RECEIPTS, 1930--. 20 v.

Duplicate tax receipts of sub-districts of Sny Island drainage district, showing name and address of owner, legal description of property, amount of tax, dates due, and paid, and discount. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 50 p. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

XIV. COUNTY TREASURER

The county treasurer is a constitutional officer who receives the county revenue, keeps custody of its funds, and disburses them in accordance with orders of the county board, or by specific authorization of law.¹

Originally the county treasurer was a statutory officer. He was first appointed by the county commissioners' court (the county board).² The legislature provided in 1823 that the sheriff could not serve as the county treasurer. However, in 1825 he was made successor to the treasurer and was to receive all the moneys and records of said office. This provision was short-lived, for in 1827 the treasurer again became an appointee of the county commissioners' court.³ Then, in 1837, the office was made elective with a four-year term. With only changes in the tenure of office the office has remained elective until the present day.⁴ Bond was first set at \$2000, but since 1827 the penal sum has been set by the county board.⁵

The treasurer is required to keep books of accounts of all funds received and disbursed by him, maintain a register of county orders countersigned and paid, report annually to the county board on the financial transactions of his office, and settle his accounts with the board semiannually.⁶ The last two requirements give rise to a number of segregated records of accounts beyond strict statutory requirements. In addition, reports are made to the treasurer by other county authorities in the process of transacting business with him.

1. R.S. 1845, P. 158; L. 1861, P. 239; R.S. 1674, P. 323, 324.

2. L. 1819, P. 315; L. 1823, P. 206.

3. L. 1825, P. 178; R.L. 1827, P. 329; R.L. 1833, P. 515, 516.

4. OFFICE MADE ELECTIVE WITH FOUR-YEAR TERM, R.L. 1837, P. 274; TERM REDUCED TO TWO YEARS, L. 1845, P. 28; OFFICE MADE CONSTITUTIONAL WITHOUT CHANGE OF TERM, CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8; TERM LENGTHENED TO FOUR YEARS, SECOND AMENDMENT (RATIFIED NOV. 22, 1880) TO THE CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. X, SEC. 8.

5. L. 1819, P. 318; R.L. 1827, P. 329; R.S. 1874, P. 323. THE BOND IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK.

6. L. 1819, P. 318; R.L. 1837, P. 582, 583; L. 1843, P. 151; R.S. 1845, P. 136, 138, 139; L. 1861, P. 239, 240; R.S. 1674, P. 323, 324.

Receipts and Disbursements

Account Books and Ledgers

260. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT - COUNTY CLERK, 1873--. 3 v.
(2 v. not numbered; 2). Title varies: Collector's and
Treasurer's Account, County Funds.

County treasurer's and collector's account of county funds, with county clerk, showing date, amount, and source of receipts, amount and to whom paid, dates approved and certified, and signatures of board of supervisors. Also contains Institute Fund Record, 1899--, entry 266. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 v. not numbered, 1873-90, strm., bsmt.; 1 v. not numbered, 2, 1891--, treas.'s off., 1st fl.

261. LEDGER, 1931--. 1 v.

Record of warrants for county road work, showing warrant number, name, project number, date, purpose and amount of order, and date cancelled. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of payee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 280 p. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 9 x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

262. COUNTY TREASURER'S REGISTER OF COUNTY CLERK'S REPORTS, 1894--.
2 v. (1, 2).

Register of county clerk's reports of births and deaths to the county treasurer, showing name and address of registrar, number of birth and death reports, and amount and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Strm., bsmt.

Cash Books

263. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1837-1920. 6 v. (2 not lettered, A, B, 2 not lettered). Discontinued.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing from whom received, for what fund, amount and to whom paid, from what fund, and total. Also contains Appropriation Record, entry 264. Arr. chron. No index. 1837-52, hdw.; 1853-1920, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p., 239 p.; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 8 x 1, 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Strm., bsmt.

264. APPROPRIATION RECORD, 1921--. 3 v. (1, 2, 1 not numbered).
1837-1920 in Treasurer's Cash Book, entry 263.

Record of appropriations, showing name of fund, date, amount of appropriation, and date and amount expended from appropriations. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of fund. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 220 p. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Special Accounts

School (See also
entries 281, 282.)

265. NON-HIGH-SCHOOL RECORD, 1916--. 1 v.
Treasurer's account with non-high-school tax fund, showing date, to whom paid, name of treasurer and to what high school paid, and total expenditure. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 220 p. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

266. INSTITUTE FUND RECORD, 1883-98. 1 v. 1899-- in Treasurer's Account - County Clerk, entry 260.
Record of institute funds received by treasurer, showing name and address of teacher, fees paid for certificate and renewals, amount, and total fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

Highway (See also
entries 261, 276, 278, 292-298.)

267. MOTOR FUEL TAX CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS, 1930--. 2 f.b.
Title varies: Motor Fuel Tax.
Cancelled vouchers, claims and payroll sheets against motor fuel tax fund, showing day labor account, cost of special relief, material, machinery rental, date, amount and to whom paid, number of employees, date and amount of payroll; also reports from highway commissioners. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. 1 f.b., 1930-33, treas.'s off., 1st fl.; 1 f.b., 1934--, treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

268. COUNTY TREASURER'S REGISTER OF HIGHWAY FUNDS, 1935--. 1 v.
Register of highway funds, showing date, receipt number, from whom received, explanation, total receipts, and amounts paid for construction, engineering, maintenance, and treasurer's fee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 12 x 18 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

269. COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENT RECORD, 1935--. 1 v.
Ledger account of projects covered by county motor fuel tax funds, showing date and amount of allotment, and name of township receiving allotment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 10 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

270. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1931--. 4 f.b.
Miscellaneous reports and orders relative to motor fuel tax. Also contains (Forfeited Property and Delinquent Taxes), entry 256. Arr. chron. No index. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 11 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

271. REGISTER OF ORDERS OF MOTOR FUEL TAX, 1931--. 1 v.
Register of motor fuel tax orders, special relief fund, motor fuel tax, treasurer's fees, motor fuel tax receipts, and right-of-way accounts, showing name, for what issued, date, amount, and date cancelled. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 480 p. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Dog License (See also
entry 61.)

272. DOG LICENSE FUND RECORD, 1920--. 1 v.
Treasurer's account of dog license fund, showing date, from whom received, title of office, from what township received, and total amount, also record of witness fees and awards for sheep killed or damaged. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 160 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

273. SHEEP CLAIMS, 1919--. 2 f.b. Prior records destroyed.
Claims against county for sheep destroyed by dogs, showing names of claimant and owner of dog, date, amount of claim, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Inheritance Tax (See
also entry 174.)

274. INHERITANCE TAX CASH BOOK, 1921--. 1 v. (1).
Cash account of inheritance tax, showing date, receipt number, names of deceased, heirs or legatees, cash and appraised value, tax rate, amount of tax, discount, interest, amount collected from each heir or legatee, county treasurer's commission, appraisers' fees and expenses, clerk's fees, and net amount transmitted to state treasurer. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 16 x 12 x 3. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

County Orders
(See also entries 2-4.)

275. REGISTER OF COUNTY ORDERS, 1888--. 10 v. (B-I, 2 not lettered).
Register of county orders and jury certificates presented for payment to the county treasurer, showing number of order, date, to whom made payable, date presented for payment, and amount and date paid. Also contains Register of County Highway Orders, 1888-1922, entry 276. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 360 p. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

276. REGISTER OF COUNTY HIGHWAY ORDERS, 1923--. 2 v. (1, 1 not numbered). 1888-1922 in Register of County Orders, entry 275.
Register of county highway orders presented for payment, showing order number, date, to whom payable, amount, total, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

277. REPORTS (Miscellaneous Papers), 1934--. 2 f.b.
Miscellaneous reports, cancelled county orders and jurors' certificates, showing order or certificate number, for whom drawn, for what issued, date of issue, amount, and date cancelled. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Reports

278. MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT ON CONDITIONS OF HIGHWAY FUNDS, 1932--. 1 v.
Treasurer's monthly report of funds to county clerk and superintendent of highways, showing receipts and disbursements, totals and balances. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p. 9 x $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

For treasurer's reports to county board, see entry 11.

Receipts, Checks, and Bank Statements

279. RECEIPTS FROM STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, 1921--. 1 f.b.
Receipts for money paid to state treasurer, showing date and amount paid from revenue, school, university, waterway, and inheritance tax funds, and total amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

280. DEPOSITS AND CANCELLED CHECKS, 1929--. 5 f.b.
Bank deposit slips and cancelled checks showing names of bank and depositor, date and amount of deposit, and total, for whom drawn, amount of check, and date of withdrawal. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

XV. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The superintendent of schools is a statutory officer, elected for a term of four years.¹ His principal duties are:

1. Selling township fund lands and issuing certificates therefor.
2. Examining the complete accounts of every township treasurer in his county and reporting irregularities of the township trustees.

1. L. 1872, P. 702; L. 1902, P. 342; L. 1915, P. 628; L. 1923, P. 596.
TERM FORMERLY RAN TWO YEARS, R.S. 1845, P. 497.

3. Conducting a teachers' institute, holding quarterly examinations for teachers' certificates, and issuing such.
4. Holding examinations for normal and university scholarships.
5. Visiting the public schools in the county, observing methods of instruction, making recommendations to teachers, advising school officers; observing sanitary and safety conditions, notifying trustees and state authorities of unsatisfactory conditions; inspecting plans and specifications, and approving those meeting state regulations.¹

The office of superintendent of schools was originally filled by the county commissioner of schools. Later the office of superintendent became an independent office and the functions of the former school commissioner were fulfilled by the new officer. More accurately it may be said that the origin of the office of superintendent of schools was the establishment of the office of county school commissioner.

The office of county school commissioner was created in 1829. The principal duties of this officer centered around the sale of school lands.² His reports to the county commissioners' court (county board), of the sale of school lands, were recorded in the said court in a well-bound book kept for that purpose.³ He also reported on his other transactions and on the school fund.⁴

In 1845 the county school commissioner became ex-officio county superintendent of schools.⁵ The school commissioner became an elective officer in 1847, with a term of two years.⁶

In 1872 the independent office of county superintendent of schools was created with a tenure of office of four years.⁷

The superintendent is required to keep the following records: three books denoted as A, B, and C, containing respectively petitions for the sale of school lands, records of sales of such, and accounts of all moneys received and paid out; files of township treasurers' bonds and trustees' reports to him; files of poll books and returns of school district elections; maps of school district boundaries; registers of certificates granted and teachers employed in the county.⁸ In addition he is required to make annual reports to the state superintendent of schools

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1. L. 1845, P. 156; R.S. 1845, P. 498; L. 1847, P. 122; L. 1909, P. 343-52; L. 1915, P. 635.
 2. R.L. 1829, P. 150, 151.
 3. R.L. 1829, P. 152, 153.
 4. L. 1831, P. 175.
 5. L. 1845, P. 54.
 6. L. 1847, P. 120.
 7. L. 1871-72, P. 702; L. 1902, P. 342; L. 1923, P. 596.
 8. R.S. 1845, P. 498; L. 1847, P. 121; L. 1849, P. 155; L. 1853, P. 55; L. 1882, P. 265; L. 1902, P. 349, 350; L. 1919, P. 387.

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on such matters as the latter may designate, quarterly reports to the county board on his visits to schools, and annual reports to the board on the receipts and expenditures of his office. Copies of these are sometimes found among his records, along with vouchers, special statements concerning the institute and other segregated funds, and similar current papers.¹

Accounts of School Funds
(See also entries 2, 265, 266.)

281. (STATE DISTRIBUTIVE FUND RECORD), 1836--. 1 v.
Distributive fund and state-aid records, showing dates, and amounts of receipts and expenditures, name of account, and monthly totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 300 p. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 12 x 2. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

282. RECORD BOOK 4-5-7-W (Minutes, Cash and Loans), 1838-54. 1 v.
Discontinued.
Minutes of meetings of the school board of trustees and cash and loan book, showing date and amount of loan, to whom loaned, security, rate of interest, and date due. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 75 p. $11\frac{1}{2}$ x $7\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Sale of School Lands

283. SALE BOOK OF SCHOOL LANDS, 1835-65. 1 v. Discontinued.
Record of sales of school lands by townships, showing date, purchaser's name and address, number of acres sold, price per acre, total amount of sale, and description of land. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Indexed alph. by name of purchaser. Hdw. 85 p. $16\frac{1}{2}$ x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Teachers' Record

284. TEACHERS' PERMANENT RECORD, 1873--. 12 v., 2 f.b.
(12 v., 1873-1925; 2 f.b., 1926--). Missing: 1888.
Title varies: Record Teachers' Certificates; County Superintendent's Record.
Teachers' permanent record showing name, age, and address of teacher, certificate number, professional credits, subjects, grades, schools attended, date employed, salary, and remarks. 1873-1925, arr. chron.; 1926--, arr. alph. by name of teacher. 1873-1925, indexed alph. by name of teacher; for sep. index, 1914-25, see entry 285; 1926--, no index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p., 400 p.; 14 x 9 x 1, $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 16 x 2; f.b. 8 x 10 x 15. 2 v., 1873-86, strm., bsmt.; 10 v., 1887-1925, 2 f.b., 1926--, off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

1. R.S. 1845, P. 500,501; L. 1847, P. 122; L. 1849, P. 156; L. 1855, P. 57; L. 1871-72, P. 705; L. 1882, P. 265,325; L. 1902, P. 347,350.

285. INDEX TO TEACHERS' PERMANENT RECORD, 1914-25. 1 v.
Index to teachers' permanent record, showing name and address of
teacher, date, certificate number, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name
of teacher. Hdw. 100 p. $13\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Pupil Records

286. BI-MONTHLY AND FINAL RECORDS, 1899--. 4 v., 19 f.b.
(4 v., 1899-1906; 19 f.b., 1907--). Title varies: Record of
Examinations; Record of Central and Final Examinations.
Bi-monthly and final eighth grade examinations showing school district
number, name, age, and address of pupil, dates of examination and di-
ploma granted, subject, special and final grades attained, and average
grade. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 75 p., 247 p.;
14 x 9 x 1, 13 x 11 x 2; f.b. 8 x 10 x 15. 1 v., 1899-1902, strm., bsmt.;
3 v., 1903-6, 19 f.b., 1907--, off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Reports

287. ANNUAL REPORT, 1863--. 15 v. Title varies: County Superin-
tendent's Annual Report.
Superintendent of schools' annual report showing school census, term,
and attendance, salaries, vacations, promotions, financial statistics
of districts, elementary and high schools, and special schools, such
as schools for blind, crippled, and delinquent children. Also contains
School Record, 1900--, entry 288, and School Visitation Record, 1900--,
entry 289. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 38 p., 406 p.;
 $15\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$, 15 x $9\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

288. SCHOOL RECORD, 1835-99. 1 v. 1900-- in Annual Report,
entry 287.
Minutes of meetings of early school commissioners, and of township
school trustees, with financial statistics of districts. Also contains
School Visitation Record, 1835-85, 1888-99, entry 289. Arr. chron.
No index. Hdw. 250 p. 16 x $10\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

289. SCHOOL VISITATION RECORD, 1886, 1887. 1 v.
1835-85, 1888-99 in School Record, entry 288; 1900-- in
Annual Report, entry 287.
Record of superintendent's visits to schools, showing date, condition
of school house, apparatus, grounds and out-buildings, studies, text
books used, authors, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr.
fm. 200 p. 18 x $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

290. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT, 1932--. 130 v.
Annual reports of county schools by township trustees, with general
and financial statistics, showing special account of funds due from
closed banks, defaulting treasurers or bondsmen, and distributive and
loanable funds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 15 p.
 14 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

Maps and Plats

291. SCHOOL MAP OF PIKE COUNTY, no dates. 1 map.
Physical map used currently, showing heavy lines in red designating rural schools, dotted lines in red designating various high schools, school district numbers, railroads, county roads, churches, streams, and county and township lines. Author, G. F. Cram; publisher, A. C. Hornburg, Pittsfield, Illinois. Printed, colored. 15/16 in. to 1 mi. 36 x 40. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

XVI. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

The office of county superintendent of highways was first established in Illinois in 1913.¹ Prior to this date the township boards of highway commissioners effected essentially, those duties since performed by the county superintendent of highways.

The superintendent is appointed by the county board. The board submits a list of three to five candidates to the (state) department of public works and buildings. This department examines the candidates to determine the person best fitted for the office.² The successful candidate holds office for six years and is remunerated in a sum fixed by the county board.

The powers and duties of the county superintendent of highways are subject to the rules and regulations of the (state) department of public works and buildings. He is, however, subject upon hearing, to removal by the county board.. The superintendent is required, also, to perform such duties as may be prescribed under the direction of the (state) chief highway engineer.³ The said superintendent exercises supervision over township, county and state-aid roads, bridges and culverts in his county.

His principal duties are:

1. Preparing plans, specifications, and estimates for all bridges to be built by the county.
2. Supervising the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges, and state-aid roads.

1. L.1913, P. 524.

2. BETWEEN THE YEARS 1913 AND 1921 THE LIST OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES WAS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION. L.1913, P. 524; L.1921, P. 781; L.1933, P. 960.

3. L.1921, P. 781; L.1933, P. 960.

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3. Inspecting the highways and bridges in each town or district of his county at least once a year.
4. Advising and directing the Highway commissioners in each town or district as to the best methods of repair, maintenance, and improvement of highways and bridges.
5. Approving any purchase in excess of \$200 for materials, machinery, or apparatus to be used in road construction in any town or district.¹

He is required to keep the following records:

1. Records of contracts, purchases, and expenditures authorized by himself, the county board, or township commissions.
2. Maps, plats, blueprints, specifications, etc., arising in his supervision of roads and bridges, or the planning of new construction.
3. Accounts of the funds handled by his office.
4. Reports from other officers or bodies touching the affairs of his office; copies of his own reports on the administration of his office; related papers.²

For county board of supervisors' record of road appropriations; see entry 2; for treasurer's records of highway funds, see entries 261, 267-271, 276, 278.

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292. CONTRACT FILES, 1932--. 1 f.b.

Files of contracts, notices to contractors, special provisions, proposals, and bonds, showing amount of contract, types of materials, dates commenced and completed, and signatures of company officials and chairman of board of supervisors. Arr. chron. No index. 12 x 14 x 26. Off. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

293. COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENT RECORD, 1933--. 1 v.

Ledger account of motor fuel tax allotments and engineering and maintenance receipts and disbursements, showing date, amount of tax allotments received, amounts disbursed for construction, engineering, maintenance, treasurer's fees, right-of-way and miscellaneous, to whom paid, date, and balance available. Arr. alph. by name of account. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 10 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

1. L.1913, p. 523-26.
2. L.1913, p. 525, 526.

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294. COUNTY CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION LEDGER, 1935--. 1 v.
Journal of accounts of day labor and construction costs, showing amounts paid for day labor, construction of roads and bridges, to whom paid, date, and warrant number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 18 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

Claims

295. CLAIM SHEETS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, 1932--. 2 v.
Duplicate copies of county highway claim sheets, showing name of claimant, amount, kind of claim, and date. Arr. by claim no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 450 p. 9 x 9 x 2. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

296. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS CLAIM REGISTER, 1932--. 1 v.
Register of claims against county and motor fuel tax funds, showing date and number of claim, name and address of claimant, amount of claim, for what paid, and warrant number. Arr. by claim no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 160 p. 18 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

297. MOTOR FUEL TAX CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS, 1933--. 1 f.b.
Claims of townships against motor fuel tax funds, showing date and amount of claim, number of employees, and total amount and date of payroll. Arr. by claim no. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 13. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

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298. COUNTY HIGHWAY WARRANTS CANCELLED, 1933--. 1 v.
Register of county highway motor fuel tax warrants, showing warrant number, date, purpose, and to whom issued, and amount. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 35 p. 12 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

Correspondence

299. CORRESPONDENCE, 1933--. 3 f.b.
Miscellaneous correspondence to and from the highway department concerning the construction and maintenance of county highways. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. Hdw. and typed. 12 x 8 x 24. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

Maps

300. (CONSTRUCTION PLANS - COUNTY HIGHWAYS), 1932--. 54 plans.
Plans showing profile and cross-section drawings of bridges, culverts, and water drains, specifications, types of materials to be used, grades, elevations, fills, locations of markers, and construction notes for the information of contractors. Author, G. W. Moore, Pittsfield, Illinois. Blueprint. $\frac{1}{8}$ in. to 100 ft. 24 x 36. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

301. MAP OF PIKE COUNTY, no date. 1 map.

Physical map used currently, showing public highways, railroads, roads, churches, schoolhouses, towns, villages, rivers, streams, school districts by number, and county and township lines. Author, G. F. Cram; publisher, A. C. Hornburg, Pittsfield, Illinois. Colored. 15/16 in. to 1 mi. 36 x 40. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

XVII. COUNTY SURVEYOR

The office of county surveyor was first established in Illinois in 1821, the year in which Pike County was created. The incumbent was an appointee of the General Assembly.¹ In vacation, nominations were made by the county commissioners' court (county board) to the governor.² From 1835 to 1936, the county surveyor was an elective officer of the county electorate. Since September 1936, he has been an appointee of the county board.³ Thus, in Pike County, the county surveyor was first an appointee of the General Assembly; second, for little over a century, he was elected; and third, under recent legislation, an appointee of the county board of supervisors. He takes and subscribes to an oath which is filed in the county clerk's office.

The surveyor is required by law to make all surveys within the bounds of his county that he may be called upon to make by persons interested or by the county board. They include surveys of lands of persons requesting the same, of additions or subdivisions, and marking of county lines. Few changes have been made in the original statutory requirements for the duties of this office. The surveyor may appoint one or more deputies. The chainmen are employed by persons requesting a survey on the approval of the surveyor.

The county surveyor is required by law to keep a well-bound book in which he records all surveys made by him, giving such information as the name of the person whose land is surveyed and descriptive data of the survey. This record is required to be kept by the surveyor in the recorder's office. The surveyor also preserves his field notes and retains copies of plats.⁴

1. L. 1821, P. 62; R. L. 1829, P. 172; R. L. 1833, P. 591.

2. IBID.

3. L. 1835, P. 166; L. 1837, P. 558; R. S. 1845, P. 524; R. S. 1874, P. 456, 1050; L. 1903, P. 349; L. 1933, P. 1104.

4. L. 1821, P. 634; R. L. 1829, P. 173; R. L. 1833, P. 582, 599, 600; L. 1845, P. 201; R. S. 1845, P. 524; R. S. 1874, P. 1050; L. 1885, P. 248; L. 1916, P. 575; L. 1933, P. 1104; R. S. 1935, P. 2416.

302. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1834--. 9 v. (1-3, 5-7, 1834-85; 8, 1885--; 9, 9, 1902--).

Record of survey of lands, showing drawings, plats, and written descriptions of lands surveyed, date of survey, and names of surveyor and owner of land. Arr. chron. 1834-84, indexed alph. by name of owner; for index, 1885--, see entry 303. Hdw. and hand-drawn. 450 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

303. INDEX TO SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1885--. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1885--; 10, 1902--).

Index to surveyor's records, showing date, for whom survey was made, section, town, range, and record book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of owner of land surveyed. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p., 292 p.; 18 x 22 x 1, 18 x 12 x 1½. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

304. FIELD NOTES, 1870-1910. 1 v.

Surveyor's notes of land surveyed in Pike County, showing legal description by reference to drawings, plats with name of landowner, and date of survey. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 327 p. 20 x 15½ x 2½. Cir. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

XVIII. SPECIAL DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

The Constitution of 1870 delegates to the General Assembly a broad power to provide laws in regard to drainage.¹ Owners of land may organize drainage districts whose corporate authorities have power to acquire rights of way, issue bonds, construct and maintain drains, ditches, and levees for agricultural, sanitary, or mining purposes, and assess the property benefited thereby.²

Drainage districts have been established in Pike County upon petitions to the county court in accordance with the laws of 1879 and subsequent enactments. The dates of formation are dependent upon the petitions to the county court, and creation of the various drainage districts by county orders.

Drainage districts are of three kinds: regular, composed of property lying in a single town; union, where the lands to be organized lie in two towns in the same or different counties; special, with three or more towns involved.³ The corporate powers of each district are vested in three commissioners appointed by town clerks, except in special districts,

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1. CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. IV, SEC. 31.
 2. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION, RATIFIED NOVEMBER 29, 1878; INCORPORATED IN CONSTITUTION OF 1870, ART. IV, SEC. 31; L.1879, P. 120, 124-28.
 3. L.1879, P. 123; L.1885, P. 93,94,113. RIVER DISTRICTS, THOUGH NOT IN THIS CATEGORY, MAY BE ORGANIZED SIMILARLY AND WITH LIKE POWERS. L.1985, P. 106.

where they are elected.¹ In regular districts the commissioners appoint one of their own members to act as secretary; in union districts the town clerk, and in special the county clerk acts in an ex-officio capacity.²

The following records, however, regardless of how kept, belong to the drainage commissioners:

1. Records of bonds issued.
2. Assessment books.
3. Petitions of owners of land to stay assessments, orders of commissioners thereupon, and other proceedings.
4. State auditor's certificates of interest due on bonds.
5. Tax lists showing pro-rata share of levy for bond interest (union and special districts only).
6. Copies of reports to county court on conditions of district and estimated expenditures; and to county treasurer on delinquent lands; maps and plats, surveys and estimates; office transactions.³

The first two records are required to be kept in separate books, the next three generally are known as the "Drainage Record", and the remaining records are kept desultorily.

For lists of delinquent taxes on drainage districts, see entries 28, 29.

305. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1889--. 10 v. (A-J).

Record of drainage districts, showing name of district, petition for special assessments, assessment roll, number of assessable acres, benefits, and amount assessed. Also contains Levee Assessments, 1909--, entry 318. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of districts. Hdw. 600 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

306. DRAINAGE FEE BOOK, 1908--. 1 v. (1).

1873-1907 in Common Law and Criminal Fee Book, entry 134. Record of drainage district costs and fees received, showing date case filed in county court, court term, date, and amount of costs received and fees paid. Arr. alph. by name of drainage district. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 296 p. 18 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

307. HADLEY CREEK SUBDISTRICT, 1916--. 1 f.b.

Hadley Creek drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of the county court. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

308. McCRAVEY CREEK SUBDISTRICT, 1917--. 1 f.b.

McCravey Creek drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioners, and orders and decrees of county court. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

1. L. 1885, p. 93, 95.
2. L. 1879, p. 123; L. 1885, p. 93, 95, 113.
3. L. 1879, p. 120-34; L. 1885, p. 78-104.

309. BAY CREEK SUBDISTRICT, 1919--. 1 f.b.

Bay Creek drainage district papers including affidavits, petition for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of county court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

310. VALLEY CITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1920--. 1 f.b.

Valley City drainage district papers showing affidavit, petition for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

311. SAND SLOUGH SUBDISTRICT, 1921--. 1 f.b.

Sand Slough drainage district papers showing affidavits, petition for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of the county court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

312. ATLAS CREEK SUBDISTRICT, 1921--. 1 f.b.

Atlas Creek drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, orders and decrees of county court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

313. CHAMBERSBURG LEVEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1922--. 1 f.b.

Chambersburg Levee drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of the county court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

314. SIX MILE LEVEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1922--. 1 f.b.

Six Mile Levee drainage district papers showing affidavits, petition for assessments, reports of commissioner, orders and decrees of court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

315. KISER CREEK SUBDISTRICT, 1922--. 1 f.b.

Kiser Creek drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of the court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

316. SNY ISLAND LEVEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1928--. 2 f.b. (1, 2).

Sny Island Levee drainage district papers showing affidavit, petition for assessment, reports of commissioner, orders and decrees of court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

317. COLLINS POND SUBDISTRICT, 1931--. 1 f.b.

Collins Pond drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of county court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2} \times 5 \times 18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

319. LEVEE ASSESSMENTS, 1872-1908. 9 v. 1909-- in Drainage Record, entry 305.

Lists of assessments against Pike County levee districts, showing owner's name, grade, location, and description of land affected, number of acres, amount of benefits per acre, and total amount of damages. Arr. chron. No index. Hd'g. under pr. hdgs. 140 p. $17 \times 15 \times \frac{1}{2}$. Strm., bsmt.

319. MISCELLANEOUS DRAINAGE PAPERS, 1877-1916. 1 f.b.
Miscellaneous drainage district papers, including affidavits, petitions, and reports. Arr. chron. No index. 12 x 11 x 24. Strm., bsmt.

320. OLD LEVEE DISTRICT PAPERS, 1880-1905. 23 f.b.
Old Levee drainage district papers including affidavit, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of the county court. Arr. chron. No index. $4\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 11. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

321. MCGEE CREEK LEVEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1914--. 2 f.b. (1, 2).
McGee Creek drainage district papers including affidavits, petitions for assessment, reports of commissioner, and orders and decrees of the county court. Arr. chron. No index. $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x $18\frac{1}{2}$. Co. clk.'s off., 1st fl.

XIX. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The county welfare system established in 1936 was repealed by the legislation of 1937, whereby a single officer, the county superintendent of public welfare, became successor to the county commission of welfare and its executive appointee the county superintendent of public welfare.¹ The duties formerly delegated to the commission are now transferred to the newly-created office of superintendent, the changes being only in the county administrative unit and not in function or records of this department. The office is still principally subject to state control.

The former county commission of welfare consisted of three commissioners appointed by the county judge to serve without compensation, the superintendent of public welfare and an administrative staff.² The commission organized by electing one of its number as chairman and one as vice-chairman. This body met monthly to transact the business of public welfare, and its members were allowed all traveling expenses necessary in the performance of the same.

The new county department of public welfare, consists of the superintendent of public welfare appointed by the county board of supervisors, and an administrative staff selected by him in accordance with, and subject to the approval of the state department of public welfare. The county board of supervisors submits to the said department a list of five residents as candidates for the office of superintendent. Eligibility of these candidates is determined by the state department by competitive examination, and certification made to the county board. The board in turn orders the appointment of one of the eligibles.³

1. SP. SESS. L. 1935-36, P. 70-73; L. 1937, P. 451.

2. SP. SESS. L. 1935-36, P. 70.

3. L. 1937, P. 452.

The county superintendent of public welfare is in charge of all the executive and administrative duties and responsibilities of the county department of public welfare. He is subject to the rules and regulations of the state agency, and may be removed by the said state department.¹

The superintendent has power and it is his duty:

1. To have charge and develop plans for the administration of old age assistance.
2. To investigate and study problems of assistance, correction and general welfare within his county.
3. To cooperate with the state department of public welfare in the operation of welfare plans and policies in his county.
4. To maintain such records in the manner prescribed by the state department and file with the said state agency all required reports.
5. To serve as agent and executive officer of the state department of public welfare in the administration of all forms of public assistance administered by the said department.²

All of the records of the county department are subject to the inspection and supervision of the agents of this central authority.

Under the former act of 1936 the county superintendent of public welfare could serve as a probation officer in welfare problems when appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction.³

At the time of the Survey, the department of public welfare had not yet been established in Pike County. Hence no records for this office appear.

XX. COUNTY NURSE

County nurses may be employed in Illinois under the Public Health Nursing Act of 1931.⁴ Under the provisions of this Act, the county boards are authorized to employ nurses for such public health nursing duties as may be deemed necessary within the county, salaries to be paid from appropriations of county funds. The nurses appointed must be registered with the State Department of Registration and Education,

1. SP. SESS. L.1935-36, P. 71,74; L.1937, P. 452.
2. SP. SESS. L.1935-36, P. 72; L.1937, P. 452,453.
3. SP. SESS. L.1935-36, P. 73.
4. L.1931, P. 732,733.

which examines and certifies applicants for public health nursing, and keeps on file a list of certified nurses for use by city councils and county boards.¹

The public nurses are required to make written reports to the Department of Public Health in the form, and at times prescribed by the department, and with the consent of the county board of supervisors.²

322. HEALTH RECORD, 1937--. 1 f.b.

Nurse's health record showing school district number, names of pupil, parents, and nurse, personal and health statistics, dates visited and examined, and signatures of examining physician and dentist. Arr. by school district no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 6 x 8 x 10. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

323. (MISCELLANEOUS FILE), 1937--. 1 f.b.

County nurse's miscellaneous file containing school papers on maternal and child hygiene, nurse's reports on contagious diseases, tuberculosis, special cases, and immunizations, school visitation records, and correspondence. Arr. by school district no. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm., interspersed. 12 x 14 x 26. Off. of supt. of sch., 2nd fl.

1. L. 1931, P. 732.

2. IBID, P. 733.

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